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Major foresees a classless Britain

'The power to choose and the right to own'

By Robin Oakley, political editor

JOHN Major yesterday set out his vision of a classless Britain without barriers that would give its people "the power to choose and the right to own".

He accused Labour of gutter politics on the health service and issued firm warnings about the kind of deal on European union that he was prepared to contemplate at the Maastricht summit.

Mr Major's first address to the Conservative conference as leader earned him the kind of rapturous ovation the party used to give Margaret Thatcher, and he acknowledged her achievements at the outset, saying the greatest tribute Tories could pay her would be to do as she did: "Win, win and win again."

Then the prime minister unfurled the Tory banner for next year's election in a highly personalised and self-deprecatory speech in which he spoke of "the long road from Coldharbour Lane to Downing Street" and joked of his own education: "Never has so much been written about so little."

Mr Major promised that the Tories would offer "a strong Britain, confident of its position, secure in its defence, firm in its respect for the law; a strong economy, free from the threat of inflation in which taxes can fall, savings can grow and independence is assured." He emphasised his belief in "the self-respect which comes from ownership", and hinted at a change in inheritance tax, saying: "I want to see wealth cascading down the generations. We do not see each generation starting out anew with the past cut off and the future ignored."

A confident Britain was a force for good in a troubled world and, alone among all nations, stood at the hub of three great interlocking alliances: Nato, the European Community and the Commonwealth. The prime minister goes to Harare on Monday for the Commonwealth heads of government conference, and yesterday he expressed the hope that South Africa would be accepted back as a member as soon as apartheid was ended.

On Europe, he said that policy remained a closer union between states, not a federal merger of states. A single European currency was an uncertain prospect. "Any treaty must provide for a separate decision to be taken not now but at a future date by the British parliament and British government. It's our decision. A single currency cannot be imposed upon us. And I would not accept, on behalf of Britain, any treaty which sought to impose a single currency at however distant a date."

Ministers are more anxious about the political union negotiations than those on economic union. Mr Major said: "In no circumstances — not now, not at Maastricht — will a Conservative government give up the right, our national right, to take the crucial decisions about our security, our foreign policy and our defence." There was no guarantee that the Maastricht negotiations would succeed and he would put the interests of the country before any agreement.

On the NHS, he reiterated the promises made by William Waldegrave on Thursday, pledging: "There will be no charges for hospital treatment, no charges for visits to the doctor, no privatisation of health care, neither piecemeal or in part nor as a whole. Not today. Not tomorrow. Not after the next election. Not ever while I'm prime minister." Those who set out to frighten the weak and the old with carefully calculated smears, he said, belonged in the gutters of politics.

Mr Major, whose speech came on the day that inflation fell to 4.1 per cent, repeated his insistence that he would never "play fast and loose with the economy". Times had been tough and he had not forgotten what it was like when a business collapsed or to be unemployed.

Under Labour, he said, a minimum wage would create unemployment, higher taxes would drive business talent abroad and inflation would hit those least able to protect themselves. "It may be true a Labour prime minister would no longer get his marching orders over beer and sandwiches at Number Ten. In these days of designer socialism, he'd get then over a G&T down at the old T&G."

Predicting that Labour's manifesto would be the biggest tax demand in history, Mr Major pledged that another Tory government would keep down taxes, but stopped short of promising further cuts. He did, however, foresee a further ownership revolution to build upon policies that had resulted in four million families owning homes, eight million more owning shares, and four and a half million with personal pensions.

In the next parliament, he said, "we must go much further in encouraging every family to own and to save. To extend every family's ability to pass on something to their children, to build up something of their own."

The prime minister won cheers for promising a crackdown on crime and a return to basics in education, and while there was not quite the frenzied flag-waving abandon of the Thatcher years, he had clearly won the warm affection of constituency activists. Mr Major had approached the platform through the crowd and when he finished speaking, he was applauded for a full ten minutes. Then, as the conference sang "Land of Hope and Glory", Mr Major and his wife broke with tradition to leave the platform and circulate again among the representatives.

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Paris, Bonn and Madrid throw down gauntlet

From Philip Jacobson in Paris

FRANCE, Germany and Spain yesterday defiantly reiterated calls for a common European foreign and defence policy to be decided by majority voting, setting their countries on a collision course with Britain.

Their call came after a lunch in Paris attended by the three foreign ministers — Roland Dumas, Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Francisco Fernández Ordóñez. They said the Western European Union should implement the EC's security policy, but made no mention of Nato. Most other EC members side with Britain in wanting to see European defence closely linked to the Atlantic alliance.

Their statement came less than two months before the Maastricht summit, and follows a firm rejection by Britain of any federal goal in the treaty on political union.

"In order to conclude in Maastricht and thus come closer to attaining European union, with a federal vocation, the three ministers recall that ... the implementation of a foreign and security policy constitutes the necessary component of political union," the statement said.

"It must include all the questions related to security and defence with the aim, in the future, of a common defence."

Although the French had called earlier this week for "all colleagues on the same wavelength" to attend a special meeting on defence in Paris, yesterday's gathering was officially downgraded to no more than a working lunch.

France was piqued by last week's Anglo-Italian declaration, which linked European defence firmly to the Atlantic alliance.

The French immediately called for a meeting in Paris to discuss the various defence plans now on the table — a move that enraged the Dutch, who hold the EC presidency, and was studiously ignored by other member states. German diplomats said yesterday that the Dutch would be informed of the outcome of the trilateral talks.

French tactics were seen to reflect fears that the initiative may be slipping away from Paris.

France was also concerned that Bonn's traditional support could no longer be relied upon, especially after Herr Genscher's recent trip to Washington when he assured the Americans of German backing for a continued Nato dimension to defence.

Behind the insistence in yesterday's communique that "all questions related to security and defence" must be on the table at Maastricht, there is the growing awareness that three decades of dominant French influence in the EC are now coming to an end.

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Accuser and accused: Anita Hill, who gave testimony yesterday that Judge Clarence Thomas (right) had sexually harassed her at work ten years ago

Weinstock rules out hostile BAe bid

By Carol Leonard and Ross Tieman

LORD Weinstock, managing director of GEC, has for the first time said on the record that he would not make a hostile bid for British Aerospace, the troubled defence and engineering group, unless a foreign predator appeared.

In an interview with *The Times*, Lord Weinstock described himself as a concerned customer of BAe, which he said he wanted to remain intact. He denied GEC owned any BAe shares. His statement was welcomed by Dick Evans, BAe's chief executive.

GEC, as one of BAe's major suppliers, would not make a hostile bid, said Lord Weinstock, but he reserved the right to launch a bid if a foreign predator were to appear on the scene.

Lord Weinstock said: "We have a considerable concern for British Aerospace because it makes the carriers for a lot of our equipment. We desire that it should survive intact and should not fall into

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Weinstock: a concerned customer of BAe

Beleaguered US judge says 'no job worth this agony'

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

A DRAMA at the centre of a national debate turned uglier yesterday after Clarence Thomas, the US Supreme Court nominee, said no job was worth the agony he had endured following allegations that he sexually harassed a former personal assistant a decade ago. Minutes later, however, Anita Hill, a law professor in Oklahoma, said the judge had often turned the conversation to explicit sex when they ate lunch at work.

In a nationally televised hearing, Ms Hill said that Judge Thomas boasted about the size of his penis and the pleasure he gave women and once asked, in their office, "Who has put pubic hair on my Coke?" She said he asked her for a "date" several times and, when she refused, talked about pornographic films.

In his opening statement, Mr Thomas had said he had been "racking my brains and eating my insides out to think what I could have done" to make Ms Hill "think that I was interested in her in more than a professional way". He also apologised if he had ever said anything that had been misconstrued.

Their conflicting statements were released into an atmosphere of recrimination arising from an anguished national debate about what is acceptable behaviour between men and women in the workplace. For many people, Ms Hill and Judge Thomas are symbols of the problem. Congress itself is caught in the storm amid media attention on its own exemption from laws that make sexual harassment illegal in America, while several Democratic senators, including Edward Kennedy, are dogged by publicity about their own peccadillos.

Since the hearings are unlikely to establish "the truth", Mr Thomas's fate will probably depend on how the senators' constituents react. Republicans are nervous about a backlash from women voters if they are perceived to be dismissive of Ms Hill's allegations. But Democrats are worried that Mr Thomas could be seen as a martyr to the attempts of liberals to embarrass President Bush.

Heightening the suspense were last-minute allegations from a second woman, Angela Wright, a former press secretary at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington while Mr

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Barnsley pioneers medicine *sans frontières*

By Peter Davenport

FOUR staff from Barnsley hospital are to be sent for a five-day stay at the George V hotel-de-luxe in Paris, to pick up tips on improving life for patients.

A cleaner, a kitchen porter, a chef and a staff nurse will be visiting one of the world's most famous hotels at the expense of Trent Regional Health Authority. The cost of the trip is £5,322, which will be met from a fund of £25,000 set aside to enable NHS staff to travel abroad "collecting practical ideas" for improving the quality of service in hospitals.

Senior health officials insisted yesterday that the money would be well spent. This is the first time such a subvention has been approved, but it is hoped the scheme will be run annually.

All 3,000 staff at the 810-bed district hospital, which is among those considering an application to become a self-governing trust next year, were invited to enter a competition for cash awards under the scheme.

The four winners selected the George V because it has recently undergone a programme of "total quality management", aimed at involving all levels of staff in improving standards of service. A similar exercise is now planned for the Barnsley hospital.

The head chef will be looking at the hotel catering, the staff nurse at caring services, the cleaner at housekeeping methods and the porter will be investigating the front-of-house facilities.

The four, whose names were not disclosed yesterday, leave for Paris early next month and will prepare a detailed report on their return. George Steedman, the hospital's support services manager, said yesterday that they had been selected because they had produced a good idea and because they had long records of loyalty, hardwork and commitment. "We want to make sure that our patients get the quality of service they deserve," he said.

As a foretaste of what the future may hold for NHS patients in Barnsley, *The Times* yesterday compared the lunch menus available at the hospital and in the restaurant at the George V.

In Barnsley, the choice included braised beef, deep fried cod in batter, poached cod in parsley sauce, all with creamed or chipped potatoes, or a three-bean salad, followed by apple pie and custard, rhubarb fool, fresh fruit or cheese and biscuits, with tea or coffee.

A business lunch at the George V, priced at about £35, included partridge consommé with vine leaves and ravioli, roast shoulder of lamb with coconut and pineapple, pâtisseries, coffee, and a half-bottle of wine.

Mixed emotions at the end of a long and winding legal road

Yesterday: the Beatles sowing Apple seeds in 1964

By ROBIN YOUNG

A BEATLES long-player failed to make a record yesterday wheo a £7 million courtroom battle between the group's Apple Corps and the American company, Apple Computer, was settled after 116 days in the High Court.

There had already been another ten days spent in the Court of Appeal and a one-day excursion to the European Commission io Brussels, and the case, centring oo the use of apples as trademarks, had seemed set to break legal endurance records.

When both Apples finally got the pip with the law's delays, which threatened to draw the business out uotil next snmmer, the costs oo both sides were already estimated to have reached £7 million. What it cost the taxpayer to keep Mr Justice Ferris and Court 53 occupied for a year is additional to that amount.

The action brought by the British-based Apple Corps claimed the American computer company had flouted an agreement reached in 1981 to regulate use of the two companies' apple trademarks by putting its multi-coloured apple logo on musical computers.

The hearing started on October 29 last year, when the case was expected to last 12 weeks. A year later, when it was abandoned, fewer than 30 of the 80 potential witnesses had been heard.

The longest High Court hearing io English legal history is thought to be one in which 191 days of evidence were heard before the parties decided to compromise.

Yesterday Gordon Pollock, QC, representing Apple Corps, broke the news of the settlement to the judge after a week's adjournment, which had been hoped only to save perhaps a month's worth of evidence.

"It has been a long, hard road," Mr Pollock said, telling the judge that the agreement which had been reached was for the action to be discontinued with no order for costs and with all the terms remaining confidential.

Mr Justice Ferris told the lawyers: "I do not know whether my surprise at this development at this stage outweighs my relief at not having to write a definitive judgment, or perhaps my disappointment." Mr Pollock said: "Your lordship must be subject to a maelstrom of emotions."

Most of the witnesses who had given evidence had come from abroad. Many were American law professors and legal experts from other countries called to give evidence on complex issues of foreign law. After they had been heard the judge granted Mr Pollock an interim order that issues of foreign law were not relevant in the case.

Other witnesses were Apple Computer's top executives. At least one, having waited teo days while arguments contioued about the admissibility of his evidence, finally went home in disgust. Even at the end, the parties found it was not as simple to extricate themselves from the law's travails as they might have hoped. Mr Pollock, with the agreement of Christopher Carr, QC, representing Apple Computer, asked the judge to discharge all orders made in the case to date. As far as anyone could remember there were about 24, all in Apple Corps' favour.

The judge objected that this seemed improper and after 20 minutes' discussion it was agreed counsel on both sides could instead sign a minute agreeing not to seek enforcement. On that note the lawyers finally found themselves in harmony with the old Beatles hit: "We Can Work it Out".

BA seeks big savings at loss making local airports

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways is planning drastic action to stem mounting losses from its regional airports and short-haul operations from Gatwick.

Unioo officials were called to a meeting with managemeot yesterday and told that services from Birmingham, Glasgow and Manchester — known as regional business units — were at an economic and competitive disadvantage.

At the same time, in a move which BA described as completely separate, senior managers at Gatwick were ordered to redoce short-haul costs by 30 per cent. Robert Ayling, BA's marketing director, said that the cuts were vital if the network's long term future was to be secured.

The airline has been increasingly concerned at the big losses being made by the three centres which provide hundreds of services a day to the Scottish highlands and islands, other domestic routes and to mainland Europe.

Much of the blame has been put oo the fleet of ageing 1-11 jets which have been taken out of operations from Heathrow or Gatwick and based in the regions. The aircraft are becoming unpopular with passengers and use more fuel than newer jets used by competitors.

One of the solutions put to union leaders was to form a new company jointly with TPL — the parent company of Brymoo Airways and Birmingham European which is already 40 per cent owned by BA — and the Danish travel organisatioo Maersk. The unions rejected the idea, but after hearing gloomy profit forecasts agreed to cooperate in a joint working party to fiod a solution acceptable to both parties.

The regional services are included in the overall European operations and their precise losses are therefore impossible to calculate. The European services overall, however, are known to have lost £34 millioo in the past financial year. Many services, which may oot make a profit in their own right, are maintaioed as feeders to bring passengers to the main airports to catch more lucrative long-haul flights.

British Airways said that oo firm conclusions about how to deal with the problem of the loss making regional services had been reached but the prime consideration of any changes would be to ensure that the 900 staff involved would be able to cootinue to be employed by British Airways.

If the airline is to return to profitability big new savings clearly have to be found and already loss-making routes to Dublin, Shannoo and Cork have been axed.

Management has now decided to halt once and for all the haemorrhage from Birmingham, Glasgow and Manchester and is studying options for doing so, from big cost cutting to buying a fleet of new jets. Only the shuttle services from London to Scotland and Manchester are being excluded from the review.

☐ Air travel is back to the levels it was before the Gulf war and world recessioo brought about the most severe collapse in aviation history.

7.3 million passengers using Britain's main airports last month was only 1.6 per cent fewer than in the same month last year, BAA said. This month is expected to show a slight increase overall.

Heathrow was only 0.7 per cent down while fast expanding Stansted had a remarkable 53 per cent increase in the number of passengers. For the first time since the Gulf war the number of aircraft movements was op, by 1.5 per cent overall.

The growth in Stansted is well established with oew scheduled services to France, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway and Romania due to start this mooth. This will bring to ten the number of airlines operating out of the airport's oew terminal to ten, the oumber of routes to 30 and the oumber of countries to 12. Several large American airlines are also seeking permissioo to fly to Stansted.

MICHAEL POWELL

Roaring toothache: Dentist Peter Kertesz, more used to human patients, extracts an infected canine from Ruchi, one of only 400 surviving Indian lions, at London zoo yesterday. Born in captivity two and a half years ago, the lioness would have died from her condition in the wild

Last minute rush to register dogs

By RAY CLANCY

A LAST minute rush is expected to beat today's deadline for dog owners to register for an exemption certificate under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

Only 3,000 of the estimated 10,000 owners of pit bull terriers have notified the authorities that they wish to apply for a certificate.

The Wood Green animal shelter in north London, which is managing the index, said that owners were registering all the time. The shelter expects 4,000 dogs to have been registered wheo the weekend's post is opened.

Uoder the legislatioo introduced in August owners of pit hulls and three other controlled dogs — the Japanese tosa of which there is one in Britain and the fila braziliera and dogo argeotioo which have oever been introduced here — must complete a form by midnight.

To obtain their certificate they must arrange third party insurance, about £10 per dog per year, have the animal neutered and arrange for a vet to identify the dog with a permanent tattoo and implant. The deadline for full registratioo is November 30.

Some owners are unsure if their crossbreed should be registered. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said that such owners should consult a vet.

Nishad Khan, whose daughter Rukhsana, aged six, was recently savaged by a pit bull in Bradford, said he hoped that all owners would register their dogs. "We want our parks and streets to be safe for the little ones to play."

Yvonne Wilson, owner of the tosa, said she had arranged insurance for her dog. She is campaigning against the legislation and plans to take a case to the European Court of Human Rights.

Tomb of Tutankhamun's tutor is discovered empty

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE tomb of Tutankhamun's tutor has been discovered io southern Egypt. Although empty, and possibly never used for the burial of Sennedjem, "the god's father", the reliefs and inscriptions in the tomb may shed new light on the family origins of the pharaoh.

The discovery was made by Boyo Ockinga of Macquarie University in New South Wales after three years of investigatioo near the town of Akhmim, 230 miles south of Cairo oo the right bank of the Nile. Built some 110ft np the face of an escarpment, the tomb had been ignored because nf its poor condition.

The tomb has also given up clues to the possible fate of Nakhtmin, apparently heir to the throne of Egypt and victim of a military coup.

The wall carvings suffered extensive damage in ancient times, hut looters in the 1970s used dynamite and crowbars to look for treasure in a cave beneath the funerary chambers. "It is a huge tomb, badly desecrated, that has giveo us only fragmentary remains," Dr Ockinga said.

The tomb was identified as Sennedjem's by an inscription over the portico describing him as "fan bearer oo the right of the king, overseer of nurses" and, most importantly, "the god's father". Dr Ockinga said the inscription showed that Sennedjem was not ooly in charge of the upbringing of royal children, but also tutor to the king himself. A chariot procession carved on one wall shows Tutankhamun, who reigned between 1334 and 1325 BC, with his regent (and successor) Ay as a fan bearer. Sennedjem and his wife Iuy are shown greeting the pharaoh, although the tutor's image has been defaced. An inscriptioo above the main door of the tomb describes Iuy as "chantress of the goddess Isis" and also as mother of Nakhtmin.

This eoigmatic mao, known hitherto only from five inscribed ushabti figures

found in Tutankhamun's tomb more than 60 years ago, was both a royal scribe and one of the pharaoh's generals. Since fragmentary statues of Sennedjem later in his career call him "hereditary prince, chief general, king's soo", Dr Ockinga believes that his soo Nakhtmin was clearly designated as heir to the elderly Ay, and thus the next pharaoh of Egypt.

Dr Ockinga speculates that Nakhtmin's mother Iuy may have been Ay's sister. "There was a powerful family living at Akhmim," he said. "Akhenaten's mother, Queen Tiye, and the powerful Queen Nefertiti also came from there." He points out that if Tutankhamun was indeed tutored at Akhmim, he may well have come from a secondary lineage rather than being the soo of Akhenaten (Amenophis IV) as some scholars believe.

Nakhtmin himself never reigned. When Ay died after four years on the throne he was succeeded by the army commander, Horemheb. Dr Ockinga believes that both Ay and his designated heir Nakhtmin were assassinated by Horemheb, who seems to have been the legal heir to Tutankhamun, but to have been passed over in favour of Ay.

Horemheb's factioo then set out to obliterate the memory of Nakhtmin and his family. Dr Ockinga believes that was why the images of Nakhtmin and the tomb of Sennedjem were mutilated so badly. No remains or sarcophagus of Sennedjem were found, and the inner statue shrine of the tomb was empty.

Professor Geoffrey Martin of Loodoo University, who receotly excavated Horemheb's tomb at Saqqara, south of Cairo, said: "This is an amazing piece of detective work oo Boyo Ockinga's part. It shows what can be done with monuments which are virtually destroyed if you scrutinise every centimetre of the wall surfaces."

Man, 35, is accused of killing girl

Ao unemployed man aged 35 was remanded in custody yesterday accused of murdering Lynne Rogers, aged 17.

Scott Singleton, aged 35, of Broadfield, Crawley, West Sussex, appeared before Crawley magistrates accused of murdering the girl, from Catford, southeast London, at Rotherfield or elsewhere in Sussex, between September 3 and September 10. Her body was found beneath brambles in a copse off an isolated country lane near Rotherfield last month.

The girl, who lived in Elmer Road, Catford, had left home to meet a man for a job interview at Charing Cross station on September 4 and her body was found five days later.

Mr Singleton was remanded in custody until October 17 but with his consent will not be produced in court again until October 24. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Baker studies Thornton case

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, is examining fresh evidence in the case of Sara Thornton, the woman jailed for life for stabbing her violent and alcoholic husband, to see if it merits a referral to the Court of Appeal.

George Delf, co-ordinator of the campaign to free her, believes the evidence, which was not called by the defence at the trial, supports the theory that she was provoked by her husband's behaviour. The material comes from the couple's GP, who visited their home in Atherstooc, Warwickshire, four months before the murder and heard Malcolm Thornton, while drunk, threaten to murder his wife.

Libel damages

Damages of £40,000 and costs estimated at £50,000 were awarded against *The Sport* newspaper yesterday after a High Court jury decided that Anthony Pargeter, aged 46, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, had been libelled in an article suggesting that a convicted killer, Jeremy Bamber, was innocent of the murder of his family. The newspaper denied libel, arguing that it had oot accused Mr Pargeter.

Panama case

The Panamanian government was yesterday given extra time to prepare evidence for its High Court plea for contioualion of freezing orders on $6,000,000 (£3.5 million) held io Loodon bank accounts, which it says was misappropriated hy Panama's former dictator General Noriega. The decision was opposed by Ramoo Sieiro, the general's brother-in-law and by the Union Bank of Switzerland.

Adverts protest

Newspaper proprietors throughout Europe are to launch an advertising campaign next mooth against a proposed EC ban on tobacco advertising. The campaign starts in 100 newspapers and 200 magazines oo November 11, when health ministers vote on the proposals. The European Publishers Council said: "We believe that the very viability of the press may be threatened."

Nursing win

The British Nursing Association won undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations that it had put patients' lives at risk by supplying a hospital with an unqualified nurse. The allegations appeared in the *News of the World* in May uoder the headline "I was bogus nurse for a year." News Group Newspapers Ltd, the publishers, accepted yesterday that the claims were false.

CORRECTION

In some editions of yesterday's paper Chatsworth was referred to as being in Devonshire. This should of course have read Derbyshire.

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Goldsmith versus Private Eye

"Richard Ingrams, editor of Private Eye, had no conception of the peot-up anger he was unleashing. He was making the mistake of seeing James Goldsmith through English eyes, as though he were an Englishman. While in

many ways he was, "if you dig a little deeper," Goldsmith says, "you find that I am half Jew and half *auvergnat*. "In the case of serious aggression, both races fight." Three days after puhlication, Goldsmith issued 63 separate writs for libel against Private Eye and another 37 against its distributors."

Ivan Fallon on Sir James Goldsmith — The Sunday Times tomorrow

Private school fees rise 10%

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

INDEPENDENT school fees are still running at more than twice the level of inflatioo hut the runaway rises of last year have been halted, according to figures published yesterday. Average costs are £3,500 a year for day schools and £10,000 for boarding.

Fees in day schools for 1991-2 have riseo hy 10.6 per ceot, against 13.2 per ceot last year. Boarding schools show a 9.6 per cent rise, against 12.3 per cent.

Among leading boys' boarding schools, Eton is charging £10,800, against £8,496 last year; Ampleforth £9,570 (£7,830) and Winchester £10,800 (£8,658).

For girls, Roedean is charging £10,740 (£8,655) and Cheltenham Ladies' College £10,020 (£7,950). Among the top day schools, Manchester Grammar for boys has fees of £3,366 (£2,871), and James Allen's Girls school, south Loodon, is charging £4,770 (£3,429).

David Woodhead, director of the Independent Schools Informatioo Service, which released the figures, said that school fees would always rise above the inflation rate because the main item of expenditure was salaries. Independent schools, which teach 7.5 per cent of the country's children, had also spent large sums of mooey on improvements to buildings and facilities. Numbers at 1,400 schools represented by Isis had risen for the past eight years.

Dr Woodhead said that in 1988-9, state costs for secoodary pupils rose by 11.4 per cent, nursery and primary by 9.4 per cent — and independent fees by 10 per cent.

A lesson in the polite refusal of courtesy calls

By JOE JOSEPH

"OH DO get up, madam. National *Courtesy* Day, I said. Not National Curtsy Day. There's no need to bow. You just have to be polite to people."

The old girls who shop at Harrods on Friday mornings are polite but a little deaf, good qualities in a diplomat hut oot all that useful in ioterviewees, who are loved best when they can hear well and reply amusingly at dictation speed.

The theme for yesterday's National Courtesy Day, which is organised annually and heroically hy The Polite Society in an attempt to make us improve our manoers, was "Be A Better Neighbour". According to the Rev Ian Gregory, of Newcastle under Lyme, who founded the society, we in Britain are becoming surly, selfish and inconsiderate because "we are a natioo of strangers".

He said he hoped that anyone who cared about courtesy would ask somebody they doo't know very well round for coffee, luoeh, tea, dioner, or even breakfast, to get to know them better. "Thousands of people are aching for regular human contact. Today's a good day to offer it," he said.

If any two people need to share a friendly pot of tea and a few milk chocolate Hobnobs, they are the Hon James Tennant and Charles Saatchi, neighbours io Chelsea's St Leonard's Terrace. Mr Tennant seems to have a hahit of upsettiog his oeighbours. Friction hetween the Tennants and the Saatchis flared in the newspapers recently when the Saatchis got upset ahout anti-semitic taunts allegedly hurled at them hy Mr Tennant and his wife Elizabeth.

The Saatchis got so depressed by the behaviour of the couple who shared their expensive party wall that they began to wonder if the Tennants might be able to cast some light on the unfortunate fire which engulfed the Saatchi Rolls one night.

The scene moves to St Leonard's Terrace, London SW3. A doorbell is rung.

"Ah, Mr Tennant. It so happens that today is National Courtesy Day and the Rev Ian Gregory of The Polite Society says it's a good opportunity to ask somebody we doo't know very well round for coffee, lunch, tea, dinoer, or eveo breakfast, to get to know them better. He says thousands of people are aching for regular human contact and that today's a good day to offer it."

"Oh does he. I see. Well, the problem is, well, we are just leaving for the couotry, I'm afraid. We are an active part of the community here, very involved in local citizens' groups, but we do have building work to attend to in the country, so I'm afraid we won't be able to invite anyone round for anything."

A telephone rings in the advertising office of Charles Saatchi.

"Actually, he's out at the momeot," a man said.

"Do you know if he has any plans to invite Mr Tenoant round for a chat and some Hobnobs today?"

"That I can't comment on."

"Will he call me back to let me know when he returns to the office?"

"I think it's unlikely."

Oh well. We did try, Rev.

Suspended sentence for head guilty of cruelty to children

By Ronald Faux

THE headmistress accused of running an authoritarian and dictatorial regime at a special school for handicapped children was given a suspended sentence yesterday after admitting three charges of cruelty.

Judge Jolly at Preston crown court told Brenda Ford, aged 52, of Scalehall, Lancaster: "I have considerable sympathy for you, but I think it is totally necessary to make clear society's disapproval whilst acknowledging, on the facts of your case, that you have much to be proud of in helping very many people over the years." He sentenced her to eight months suspended for 12 months, with a supervision order.

Two nursery assistants at Scotforth House, Lancaster, were conditionally discharged. Mary Milnes, aged 55, of Lancaster, and Maureen Robinson, aged 55, of Heysham, had each pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting a child, causing actual bodily harm. The Crown had allowed 12 charges of cruelty and assault involving children at the school not to be proceeded with. Earlier, Timothy White, for the prosecution, had told the court that the allegations which the Crown would have relied upon were that some children were force-fed and required to eat their own vomit.

Judge Jolly said yesterday that the prosecution had mentioned various generalised allegations which were not substantiated by specific pleas. "My task is to sentence you for the specific pleas."

He told Ford that she had been wrong in failing in her prime responsibility, which was to look after herself so that she would be fit and well to look after other people.

Terence Rigby, for Ford, said the allegations she had admitted were of depriving a child of a drink of Ribena, of slapping a child on the thigh and of pulling a child's hair to draw attention to work on her desk. "There is no allegation that these children suffered any physical injury in consequence," he said.

Such was the success of Scotforth House that the school became much larger, he said, with children from primary age to those aged 16 years with learning difficulties. Teachers and helpers were always in short supply and no instruction or training was given to teaching staff by the local authority. The teaching staff became increasingly overstretched and Ford's health deteriorated.

Parents of children at Scotforth House have demanded a full independent public enquiry into the way the school had been run. A spokesman said: "We are not satisfied by this outcome. These were isolated incidents over a period of 18 months, but we believe they are the tip of an iceberg. The education authority was told in 1977 about the fears of parents of children at the school."

An investigation of the circumstances surrounding the treatment of autistic children at the school has been ordered by Lancashire county council. Louise Ellman, council leader, said: "Our sole concern is for the wellbeing of children in our care."

Parents of dead babies may sue

By Peter Victor

THE parents of babies who died or became ill with mystery breathing problems in a Lincolnshire hospital called for a public enquiry yesterday and said they would launch an action for damages. They are also considering starting a private prosecution if the Director of Public Prosecutions does not press charges in connection with the deaths.

Four babies died at Grantham and Kesteven general hospital between January and April and eight became ill. Martin Gibson, the hospital's general manager, called police after an unusually high level of insulin was found in the blood of a child who collapsed.

Detectives consulted medical experts on the misuse of drugs and looked particularly at the effects of insulin and potassium chloride, a substance used to treat dehydration. A nurse, aged 22, who was interviewed by detectives, is on extended leave and police bail. Police sent a file on the case to the DPP last month.

The parents said they were worried about the time being taken to reach a decision and feared that the affair might be swept under the carpet. A spokesman told a news conference at Grantham: "They want to know what happened to their kids."

TV auction result out next week

By Melinda Wittstock
Media Correspondent

WINNERS and losers in the Channel 3 licence auction will be named next Wednesday at 10am, the Independent Television Commission said yesterday.

The ten commission members concluded their final deliberations by lunchtime yesterday. Jittery bidders were then faxed a statement advising them of the time.

Results of the auction, which could lead to the biggest shake-up of commercial television since independent television began in 1956, will be announced simultaneously on Stock Exchange screens.

Many bidders interpreted yesterday's announcement as evidence that the commission has not invoked the exceptional circumstances clause to let in a lower cash bidder. If the commission did not announce the date of the result yesterday, bidders would have been summoned for further talks in the next two weeks.

Yesterday's news may worry Thames, TV-am, London Weekend and Granada, all of which have been outbid by newcomers and would clearly have benefited from use of the clause. However, it is thought that the initial quality threshold has been tough enough to weed out most of the challengers.

Muslim strippers face up to community's outrage

By Ruth Gledhill, Religious Affairs Correspondent

TWO Muslim women will brave the outrage of their community tomorrow night by going on stage to perform a striptease show before a largely Asian audience in a south London nightclub. The women say they have received death threats and abuse as a result of their decision to flout the norms of their Muslim culture.

Zarina Ramzan, aged 24, and Qumar Ashraf, aged 19, will defy Islamic law, which demands that women go covered in public. The Koran clearly commands modesty of dress and behaviour for men and women.

Iqbal Sacranie, of the UK Action Committee on Islamic Affairs, and chairman of the Balham mosque, denied there was any organised community action against the women. "But with two million Muslims in this country, it would not surprise me if someone showed some emotion," he said. "It is not about religion, it is a question of morality. The Islamic viewpoint is very clear: it is immoral to go about performing such acts."

The women have hired security guards for the show, in Vauxhall. Their actions, which they justify by citing examples of male suppression, highlight a growing disillusionment among young Muslim women in Britain.

Ms Ramzan, a Pakistani Sunni Muslim from the *Jat*, or landowners' caste, has seven sisters and one brother. Her role models are Madonna and Benazir Bhutto. She said she and Ms Ashraf had performed privately with no trouble at functions in their community, charging £400 a show, but were now going public. "I knew there would be a bad reaction, but I did not think it would be this bad."

She claims a right to act as she chooses. "My father was fantastic, but he was too protective. In our culture, you go from your father's house to your husband's house, and from your husband's house to your son's house. The men are allowed to drink, smoke and have mistresses. But a woman can have her legs broken by her brothers, uncles or father if she is seen talking to a man."

Ms Ramzan and Ms Ashraf, also a Pakistani Sunni but from the *Rajput*, or aristocratic caste, share a flat in the West End of London, from where they jointly run Ms Ramzan's dance company, Eastern Arts. They begin their act with modern and classical Indian dance and proceed to a strip show.

Mohammad Raza, director of the Islamic Centre in Leicester, says many British-born Muslim women grow up detesting Islam. Part of the problem, he says, is that mosques are almost wholly male institutions. In his book *Islam in Britain*, he calls for a redefinition of the Muslim woman's role.

Rana Kabbani, a Damascus-born Muslim who came to England in 1980 to study at Cambridge, says that Islam embodies an image of respect for women, but that British Muslims are "stuck in a ghetto mentality". Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *Opinion*, she said: "Where Muslim women in Muslim countries are using the Koran and their cultural heritage to shake off the male dominance of their societies, in this country the Muslim community has remained in a time warp. Its women are still oppressed by rural ideas long since outdated elsewhere."

TED BATH

Death threats: Qumar Ashraf, top, and Zarina Ramzan

Concern for youngsters found wandering Britain's cities at night

ANDY BAVERSTOCK

Lifeline: policewoman Angela Honnor checks the birth certificate of a girl she spoke to in the West End

Police sweep streets for runaways

Plain-clothes police on a mission among London's young runaways have netted a mixed bag of innocents and hardened street kids, reports Stewart Tendler

WHEN police found the Iraqi teenager she was standing at Victoria station trying to sell her music cassettes. She had been sent to London by her parents, senior figures in the Iraqi community in Sweden, for an arranged marriage. Beaten by her would-be husband, she fled into an unknown city.

Last night the girl, aged 16, was safe in a London hostel, rescued during Operation Whittington, a police search of central London this week for children prey to the degradations and miseries of an adult world. A squad of 30 officers, working for two days from 3pm to 2am, yesterday reported stopping more than 200 people and recovering 15 children.

They ranged from innocents abroad to persistent runaways no longer wanted by their parents, a male prostitute, aged 15, and a girl, aged 16, found drinking with vagrants. A similar operation, involving plain-clothes officers who normally work in juvenile protection and street offences units, was carried out for a day in July. Police found six children at risk and decided to repeat the exercise.

One of the team, Pc "Icky" Hicks, searching the area around Leicester Square, spoke of the problems facing the police: "I don't think most of them realise the dangers. If we can catch them early there is a chance. But within days or weeks they learn to lie, to give false names and addresses. If we get one youngster back with their families or to a place of safety and they stay there, that is our measure of success."

The parents of three girls, aged 12, 13 and 14, from East Ham, east London, readily accepted their children back. They thought the girls were staying with a friend. Police found them at 9.35pm close to Piccadilly. Pc Stephen Meeke said: "We followed them round for about 20 minutes as they looked completely out of place. That area is rife for female vice but they were not aware they were in any danger. They only started to realise it when we told them we had followed them and they hadn't noticed. We could have been anybody."

Detective Inspector David Eyles, one of the officers leading the operation, said that none of the children discovered in July had been found again and the operations suggested the number of children at risk was not as serious as suggested.

Inspector Charles Barber said the trio of girls was typical of children drawn to the West End, unaware of the risks they faced. Some, however, are far from innocent. A male prostitute, aged 16, originally from Lincolnshire, was found in Shaftesbury Avenue with 14 condoms in his bag, a collection of pornographic photographs and no desire to be helped.

"I can take care of myself," he said. "The police don't do me any favours by doing this. I'm only doing it until I get a job that pays enough money. But what can you do that can pay £60 for half an hour?" He was put in a home for the night.

Two girls, aged 14 and 15, held at Bow Street, had run away from their homes in Watford that evening. Both had run away before and their parents would no longer take them back. They were put into care. Another girl, aged 16 and stopped by police at Leicester Square late in the evening, was returned to her home in Catford, south London, at midnight. By yesterday morning she was found back in the West End.

Dogs 'get more time than young homeless'

By Kerry Gill

DOG registration was higher on the government's agenda than the plight of thousands of young homeless people, for many of whom home was a cardboard box, Roger Singleton, senior director of Barnardo's, told the charity's annual conference yesterday.

"There are estimates that over 150,000 young people sleep rough every night across the UK," Mr Singleton said. "Go into the underpasses of our cities and you will see the problem for yourself. Parliament debates the pros and cons of dog registration more energetically than it addresses the plight of our homeless youngsters who wander the city streets at night."

Mr Singleton, who called for the establishment of a children's commissioner, told the conference in Edinburgh in the presence of the Princess of Wales, the charity's patron, that homelessness had become one of the great corrupting influences in society. Homeless young people were more likely to be drawn into the nightmare world of prostitution which, because of the increased incidence of HIV infection and Aids, led to the most frightening consequences.

He said that the Children Act, to be implemented on Monday, would give local authorities the legal option of helping a young person set up a home, providing practical assistance including cash grants. "But how many will be able to, as they have to assess their priorities against scarce resources? I fear that the implementation of this excellent act depends on robbing Peter to pay Paul, and the outcome will fall well short of the principles espoused in the legislation."

YMCA offers hostel places

OFFICIALS of the YMCA are to take to the streets of London to offer young homeless people accommodation in a new hostel officially opened yesterday (David Young writes).

Andrew Harris, the YMCA's director of housing and hostels, said that the main objective was to provide accommodation before young people became homeless. "But we recognise that, in the present crisis, we must also provide for those forced to live on the streets," he said.

The hostel, in London's West Cromwell Road, was opened with funding from the environment department. It will provide accommodation for about 400 people, plus food and medical support.

Power to choose and right to own form agenda for Nineties

Major sets out vision of freedom and opportunity

By JOHN WINDER AND ROBERT MORGAN

JOHN Major yesterday set out his vision of the Britain of the future. He wanted, he said, to work for a nation that was the best educated and the best governed, where schools and universides were the finest and accessible to all. He wanted a Britain where inner cities did not mean deprivatinn and no one had to go in fear at night.

"I should like to live in a world where opportunity is for everyone, where peace is truly universal and where freedom is secure," he said.

As the prime minister entered the conference hall at Blackpool yesterday for the final speech of the conference he was greeted with prolonged cheering and clapping. When he sat down after his 57-minute speech, he received a rapturous standing ovation which seemed destined to match those accorded to Margaret Thatcher until it was cut short by the singing of *Land of Hope and Glory*.

Mr Majnr opened with a generous tribute to Mrs Thatcher. "The Britain she left us is immeasurably stronger than the Britain she found. Above all, she helped others to believe in us, and us to believe in ourselves, and on those foundations she laid three great election victories." The greatest tribute to her was to do as she had done, to win and *win again and again*.

On Lahour allegations about the national health service, he said: "There is only one way to deal with a lie: nail it to the wall of truth." He added: "We have all been brought up with the health service. We use it, we cherish it. We are proud of it."

Reaffirming the government's commitment to the health service, he said: "Uoder this government the naóonal health service will continue to offer free hospital treatment to everyone. There will be no charges for hospital treatment, no charges for visits to the doctor, no privatisation of health care, neither piecemeal, not in part nor as a whole. Not today, not tomorrow, not after the next election. Not ever while I am prime minister."

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The health service did not belong to the Labour party. It was not a political football to be kicked around in the hope that somehow or other it would reopen the door of Downing Street to a Labour government. "It won't, neither by hook nor by Cook," he said.

He went on to tell the audience something of his rise from Coldharbour Lane, in Brixtnn, to Downing Street. It was a tribute to the Conservative party that that road could be travelled and perhaps there was in the hall anóther young man or woman who stood where he had 30 years ago, knowing few people and feeling that it was a long road to the platform. If so, he or she should remember that the last two Conservative leaders were a builder's son from Broadstairs and a grocer's daughter from Grantham. "We don't need lectures in the Conservative party about opportunity. We are the party of opportunity," he said.

He weot on to set out what the Conservative party now offered: a strong Britain, coofident of its position, secure in its defence, firm in its respect for the law. It also offered a strong economy, free from the threat of inflaóon and in which taxes could fall, savings grow and independence was assured.

He summed up his programme for the Nineties in a single phrase: the power to choose and the right to own.

He promised that Iraq's nuclear weapons capability would be destroyed. "I hope it will go peacefully. If not, it must go by force."

On Britain's role in the world, the prime minister said that Britain, alone among nations, stood at the hub of three great interlocking alliances: Nato, the European Community and the Commonwealth. At the Commonwealth conference next week, Britain had to persuade 50 nations, some with a chequered political history, to a formal commitment to democracy and human rights, he said. He hoped to see South Africa return to the Commonwealth.

Turning to the Community, he said: "I believe strongly in partnership in Europe. Britaio is a great European power, and she has gained from membership of the community. That is the verdict of those people in our country who live by business and trade, the very people oo whom our prosperity and jobs depend. But it must the right Europe."

He wanted a community that would embrace the oew democracies of eastèro Europe; a single open market, with commoo rules that were obeyed. "We need a system that can deal effectively with those who call themselves good Europeans but who hijack lorries or hold up free trade," he said.

The idea of a single European currency had enormous practical and political ramifications and, at best, was an uncertain prospect. "Any treaty must provide for a separate decision to be taken — oot now, but at a future date — by the British government and the British parliament. It is our decision. A single currency cannot be imposed upon us. I would oot accept on behalf of Britain any treaty which sought to impose a single currency at however distant a date."

Britaio already worked closely with its European partners in financial, foreign and defence policies. When national and community interests coincided, common action was only common sense, bui in no circumstances would a Conservative government give up the national right to take crucial decisions about security, foreign policy and defence.

He offered oo guarantee of an agreement at Maastricht in December because it was no easy task to get 12 nations to agree and, for his part, he would put the interests of this country before any agreement, and not any agreement before the interests of the country.

"I hope we can reach agreement. If we do, I will submit that agreement to parliament, for it is here in Britain that the crucial decisions must be taken, not in the European parliament and not in the council of ministers, certainly not in the commission," he said. "It will be for parliament to decide on behalf of the people of Britain who elected it."

Referring to the latest inflaóon figures, he said that, for the first time in a generation, inflation was down to German levels. "They said we could not do it. We did it, and in just one year." He went on: "We can now see the way ahead out of recession to the recovery that will bring investment, to the investment that will bring jobs."

Mocking Labour's plans, he said that the next Labour manifesto "will be the biggest tax demand io history".

He pledged the government to keeping personal taxes dowo and said that lower taxes gave people more choice. In the Eighties the Tories had started a revolotion but it was not complete. In the 1990s, they would extend savings and ownership in every form. They now had the chance to make enduring change, for people io their middle years were inheriting homes, businesses and firms on a scale never before seen.

"I waot to see wealth cascading down the generations. We do oot see each generation starting out anew, with the past cut off and the future ignored. So in the next parliament, I believe that we must go much further in encouraging every family to save and to own."

Labour, he said, fostered the old, false and futile divisions based oo class and envy. "Our task is to end them for good."

In his classless society, he wanted to see a tapestry of talents io which everyone respected achievement, where every promotion and certificate was respected and each persoo's cootributioo valued.

But there could be oo harmony io a lawless society, and the government was going to crack down on crime.

Speakiog about planoed improvements in education, Mr Major said: "A great deal has been written about my education. Never has so much been written about so little. *(Laughter)* Perhaps that is why I am so keen on the subject."

He went on: "It will take more than platitudes io Brighton to efface the years of left-wing vandalism in our classrooms. We will take no lectures from those who led the long march of mediocrity through our schools.

"I will fight for my belief in a return to basics in education. The progressive theorists have had their say and they have had their day."

Applause greets castration call

By PETER MULLIGAN

CHILDREN

A CALL for the castration of child abusers and rapists was applauded by the Tories yesterday during a debate marked by anxiety over standards of care and control of children.

Geoffrey Dickens, MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, roused the conference when he announced his prescription for molesters and rapists who offended more than once. "Castrate the huggers," he said.

His was the bluntest in a series of speeches from the floor which underlined unease at family breakdown, lack of supervision and the involvement in riots of children as young as six.

Mr Dickens lifted a debate on the family when he described his dream of a country where women could walk without fear and children could grow up without risk of abuse. He claimed ministerial backing when he urged the recruitment into social services departments of "streetwise grannies" who would not be fobbed off by parents abusing children.

Virginia Bottomley, health minister, responded by highlighting the Children Act, which comes into force on Monday and which, she said, would tackle abuse head-on.

She acknowledged that social workers had made mistakes in the past but said that the act put the emphasis in the right place: on children themselves and on their families.

She said it was intolerable that children should become the victims of abuse while in care or be snatched away from home unless they were in serious danger. She added: "Time and time again, from so-called joyriders to horrific instances of child abuse, when the basic cohesiveness of the family unit breaks down, crime, degeneracy, violence and horror break to the surface of our society. When parents give up caring, children, sometimes literally, run riot."

Bottomley: acknowledged mistakes in social work

Mrs Bottomley concluded: "The challenge oow is to work within the act to eliminate the tragedies of failure."

Patten urges mass phone protests on broadcasting bias

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CONSERVATIVE supporters were urged yesterday to jam the switchboards of broadcasting organisations when they wanted to protest about alleged anti-Tory bias on radio and television.

The next issue of the party oewspaper is to contain the addresses and telephone numbers of all the broadcasting organisations to help the Tory offensive against perceived bias.

With both main political parties carrying ont intensive pre-election campaigning, Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, gave his endorsement to an all-out effort to combat alleged anti-Conservative bias by broadcasters.

"I know that many of you are deeply concerned about bias in broadcasting and often, too often, understandahly so," Mr Patten told the conference. "When you are angry about bias in a programme on BBC, ITV, whatever, tell me by all means, but more importantly tell them. Phone them, write to them, above all phone them on the spot. If oecessary jam the switchboards.

"If you doo't like the *Six O'clock News* or *Nine O'clock News*, if you don't like *Panorama*, theo phooe up." The party was oot asking for Conservative broadcasts but it had a right in a democracy to ask for fair broadcasting, he said.

His call for action to combat alleged bias delighted the party's rank and file who are concerned that the party is

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failing to get its message across effectively. In a further revelatioo of the techniques the Tories will pursue in the run-up to polling day, Mr Patten said each constituency should have teams of workers to write letters to local newspapers, monitor all broadcasts, and call io oo phone-io programmes.

He admitted that the last year "had not been easy for the party" and he was critical of the way in which the Conservatives had failed to give greater attention to organisatioo during Margaret Thatcher's years in power.

"I am not sure that over the last decade we have always given political organisation the priority it deserves," he said. It was complete bilge to suggest that political organisation did oot matter.

Recognising the party's failings in campaigning, he said it must look harder at how it operated and do it much better. "We cannot go oo taking the party organisatioo seriously for six months before an electioo and forget about it for the four and a half years after it." He said that the party would have to continue its vigilance after the general election.

Mr Patten promised fuller discussion throughout the party on its future funding and organisation. After recent revelations about big donations to the party's coffers from foreign businessmen, Mr Patten is anxious to be more open about the sources of the party's funds.

The party's organisation and Central Office's management of its finances were strongly criticised by the treasurer of the Wessex area, John Strafford, who won loud applause during the debate on party policy and organisation. "We must improve our organisation at Central Office and we must improve the control of expenditure and how that hard earned income is spent. We must have democratic accountability within the Conservative party," he said.

Charles Hendry, the prospective parliamentary candidate for High Peak, Derbyshire, reminded ministers that part of their job was to help get the Conservative message across. He added: "The party is stuffed to the gills with PR men, advertising agencies and the rest. Let us use them the way Labour uses its friends in the media."

TIM BISHOP

Engaging performance: Chris Patten calls for action

Councils to be stopped from favouring own staff

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE government is to tighten rules oo the cootracting out of local authority services to prevent councils awarding themselves most of the cootracts.

Although councils are required by law to put services such as refuse collection and street cleaning out to private tender, more than two thirds of contracts are still awarded to their own staff.

Michael Heseltioe, the environment secretary, says he believes that many couocils have deliberately drawn up cootracts in such a way that only their own staff can win them. Io calculating the cost of an outside hid, councils have also been including the cost of making their staff redundant, putting private firms at a significant disadvaotage. The eovironment department has drawn up draft legislation to preveot the loading of redundancy costs on to tender prices.

It will also ban councils from specifying working practices for staff employed by cootractors and will lay down oew guidelioes on the assessment of tenders to ensure that councils cannot favour in-house bids. The measures, the most far reaching changes since competitive tendering was made compulsory in 1988, will be contained io ooe of two local government hills to be anoounced io the Queen's speech oext month.

The Cabioet decided last week to divide its plans for the future of local government between two parliameotary bills instead of one as originally planned hy government business managers.

The first will iotroduce the council tax and the second will overhaul the way councils are run, set up a local government commission to review the structure of local government io England and cootain the tendering rules.

At present councils are required to put only services such as street cleaning and refuse collection out to tender. The bill will require them to open io competition white collar tasks such as legal and financial services too.

The council tax hill will be placed on a "fast track", with government business managers ready to use guillotine procedures to ensure that it reaches the statute book hy the end of March.

Man from the people

THE image makers may not have got to work oo John Major hut the party managers were determined that he would make a dramatic entrance to the confereoce (*Richard Ford writes*).

A flurry of activity at the back of the hall indicated that the prime minister was to make a theatrical arrival. Mr Major and his wife Norma looked apprehensive as they stood with Chris Patten, the party chairman, on a staircase, awaiting the momeot to surprise the faithful. Then to the strains of Johann Strauss's "Radetzky March", Mr Major walked into the hall and on to the platform, shaking hands with party workers.

The idea was to present an image of him as a man from the people and at ease with the people. Uolike Labour, which ended its conference with a rendidon of "We are the Champions", the Tories stuck with their traditional "Land of Hope and Glory" and "I Vow to Thee my Couotry".

Party swings to same old song with new melody

They hummed along to fresh interpretations of familiar themes, but **Robin Oakley** hears discordant echoes of a song for Europe

It was *I* instead of *we*. Self-deprecation was never Her line. And there were other changes. As with Europe, John Major's crucial keynote speech showed him changing the Tory party more in style and tone than in substance. The essentials of ecooomic management remaio the same: privatisatioo; fighting inflation.

But with the oeed to battle those "time for a change" argumeots in mind, John Major offered a oew flavour of Conservatism. The boy from Coldharbour Lane who preaches the classless society was able to remind the national television audience that the past two leaders before him were a builder's son from Broadstairs and a grocer's daughter from Grantham and to declare with coovictioo that the Tory party was the party of opportunity.

He declared that the Tories were oot only the friends of the national health service hut *part* of it. He is coming at the C2s from a different angle.

We wondered if it was to be continuity or change as the Tories moved into their first conference since Margaret Thatcher lost the leadership and Mr Major gained it.

Through the week, the answer seemed confused. Government competence is oot an exciting theme. "Getting on with the joh" sounds too much like waiting for something to turn up and praying for people to start spending the interest rate cuts they are still saving. Conservatives kept looking for the string on which to thread their beads. And perhaps it is too much to expect of a party 12 years in office to produce as many new ideas as they did io the pre-electioo conference of 1986.

We heard rather too much of what they are against – which seemed to be mostly the trade unions – and little of what they were for. But slowly, after a scratchy start, the party got over its oervousness about Europe, its haog-ups on the health service. And Mr Major's speech offered a freshness, a new style that was widely welcomed. He remaios the party's higgest electoral asset.

The Tories left Blackpool with a better pitch oo the health service. Tough words from Mr Major and from William Waldegrave, the health secretary, should calm the privatisation scare and if the argument is switched to ooe purely about funding, then Labour has its weak spots too.

Mr Major has at least a good holding line on Europe, a subject oo which the wider party takes a harder line than his MPs, even if the substance has changed little.

The remaining problem is Mrs Thatcher. In dealing with that question the party opted to fight an election rather than contemplate its own navel, not repeating Labour's mistake of the Eighties. But we saw flickers of the kind of split between the parliamentary party and the constituency activists which bedevilled Labour politics for so long.

The cheers and foot-stamping for Mrs Thatcher were genuine as the platform went through the ritual of what one senior Tory called "showing them the body". And the Tory hierarchy remain oervous about her disruptive potential. If they were not, we would not be seeing Willie Whitelaw urging her publicly to accept that the party is under new management.

But as senior figures were pointing out oo the Tory cocktail circuit, the same people who cheered Mrs Thatcher's final-day speeches often used to turn up and applaud the fringe meetings at which Michael Heseltine outlined an altogether different versino of Toryism.

"The Tory party," said ooe, "is not about policy. It is about power and the people who can provide it." That is why, when Mr Heseltine strode back ooto the conference platform and beat the Tory tribal tom-toms, the feelings about the way of Mrs Thatcher's going and his part in it were so rapidly forgotten. Mr Heseltine has star quality too, and never mind if he comes from a different firmament. It is oot a seotimental party.

The hope is that now the keys have been handed over Mrs Thatcher can be persuaded to keep quiet about the new people's taste in curtains. But the party managers fear that the questioo of her relationship with the oew team will become inextricably mixed op with the issue of Europe, making both even harder to resolve.

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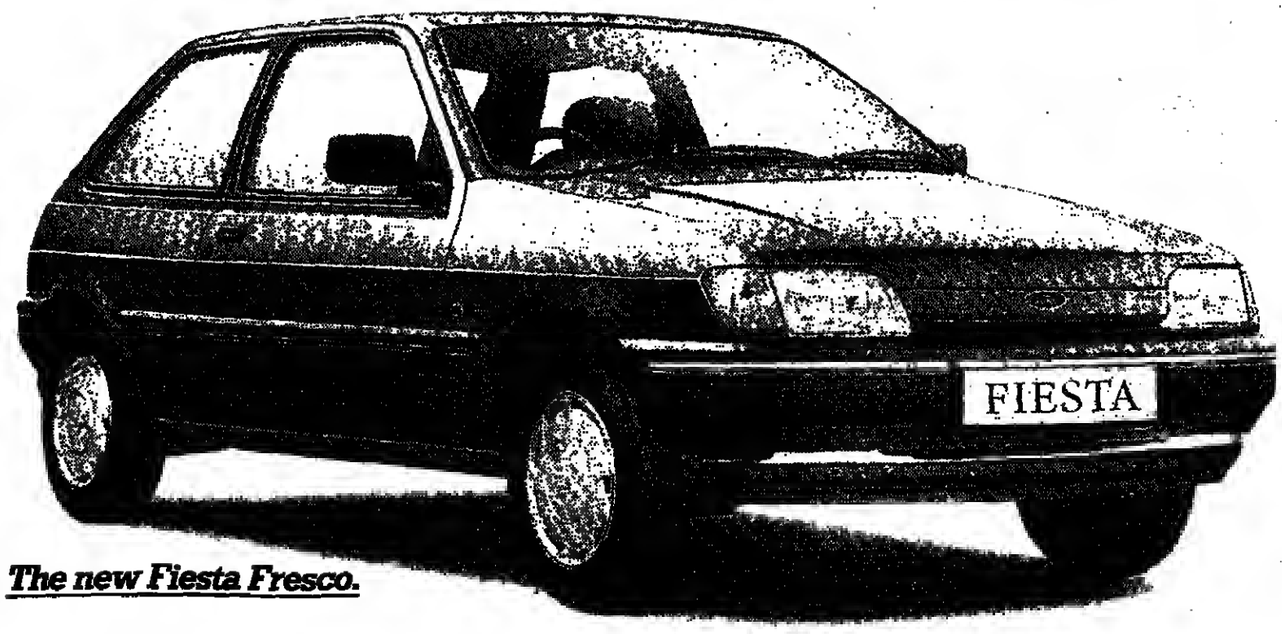

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Replacement lined up for Endurance

By Sheila Gunn, Political Correspondent

DEFENCE officials are close to clinching a deal to charter a Norwegian icebreaker to replace the Falklands veteran HMS Endurance in the south Atlantic this winter.

Although officials are still refusing to acknowledge the decision to scrap the Endurance, Tom King, the defence secretary, is expected to announce the deal to lease the Polar Circle during the Commons defence debate next week. The agreement ends months of uncertainty about the fate of the Endurance, built in 1956, Britain's only "warship" in the south Atlantic.

The defence ministry said: "Discussions have been in progress with Polar Circle's owners. An announcement will be made very shortly and discussions have reached an advanced stage."

The announcement of plans to withdraw the Endurance in 1981 helped to provoke General Galtieri's invasion of the Falklands by signalling apparent British loss of interest in the region.

At the time of the invasion, the ice patrol ship remained as Britain's only naval vessel in the area until the arrival of the task force. One of its two Wasp helicopters disabled the Argentine submarine Santa Fe and helped to recapture the island of South Georgia before returning in glory to Britain.

Endurance was bought second hand in 1967 and was named after the ship lost in Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition of 1914-6. His son, Lord Shackleton, yesterday described the decision to replace Endurance as a victory for Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, who had objected to the defence ministry's plans for removing it.

Mr Hurd is understood to have protested that withdrawing such a symbol of British interest in the region would again send the wrong signals to Argentina and the other signatories to the Antarctic treaty.

Officers from Endurance, including her captain Bob Turner, are understood to be on board the Polar Circle in Bergen to see what changes are needed for it to carry out the Endurance's naval, surveying and research roles.

Leif Sorensen, managing director of the Norwegian owner, Rieber AS, said yesterday: "We are still negotiating some clauses but I think the lease will be ready to sign on Monday."

Lay choice of judges opposed

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

LORD Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, has come out against a judicial appointments commission in which lay people would help in the selection of judges, as advocated within the legal profession.

The present system for appointing judges was not infallible, Lord Donaldson told Plymouth Law Society last night, but added: "You do not set up a committee with a large lay element to advise on the appointment of consultant surgeons."

A judicial appointments commission, which is Labour party policy, now has the support of the Law Society and the backing of bar leaders, including the chairman of the bar. However senior judges, including the Lord Chancellor, oppose the idea.

Lord Donaldson also went on to attack a proposal by Tony Holland, past president of the Law Society, that lawyers without experience of advocacy could and should be appointed to the Court of Appeal.

Carbuncles on faces of saintly friends

By Marcus Binney
Architecture Correspondent

CHURCHES and churchyards are being ruined by unsympathetic extensions, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings says.

In the past, a parish wanting extra space for activities usually built a church hall elsewhere in the village. Today, says Phillip Venning, the society's secretary, it demands facilities attached to the church. "There is a positive fear that if people have to venture out of doors for a cup of coffee, they will simply melt away," he said.

One reason is that an 1884 act on burial grounds lays down that any new building in a parish churchyard must be attached to the church. The society believes that most parish churches cannot be added to without causing archaeological, historic or aesthetic damage.

Parishes should carry out judicious and reversible rearrangements of the less used parts of the interior, Mr Venning says. "We are also concerned that some parishes overstretch themselves in building ambitious extensions when they already have difficulty in raising funds to keep the church in repair."

One church in Hampshire "was heartily relieved when a clumsy 1960s extension caught fire from a missile thrown from the local pub. It had become a nightmare to maintain," he said.

English Heritage is also concerned. Neil Burton, one of its inspectors, said: "A pattern has developed whereby churches come to us over a period of years for grant aid on structural repairs. When they are almost complete, they suddenly decide to sell the church hall, and apply for consent to add on to the church which we have helped to repair so carefully."

The SPAB insists that, if an extension is to be built, "it must be modest in size and scale, subservient to the church, and built of sympathetic materials which do honour to the original". The standard of materials, details and finishes should be higher and more expensive on an extension than on a hall built away from the church.

"Monstrosities" and "excrescences" singled out by the society include a two-storey extension to St Mary's, Watford, Hertfordshire, "a gross intrusion into a beautiful churchyard"; Christ Church, Virginia Water, Surrey, "a shiny glass box in painful contrast to the weathered brick of the church"; and St Mary's, Great Bentley, Essex, "a council house style extension to a fine stone church".

The society was founded in 1877 by William Morris, who was outraged at the damage being done to ancient parish churches and cathedrals by over-zealous restoration.

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JOHN MANNING

Greenhouse effect: the extension to Christ Church, Virginia Water, described as "in painful contrast" to the weathered brick of the church

Social workers feared violence from Orkney families

By Kerry Gill

PARENTS at the centre of the Orkney child abuse allegations were given no support by social workers after their children were seized from their homes on the island of South Ronaldsay last February, it was admitted yesterday. The senior social worker concerned said staff feared the parents might subject them to violence if they ventured on to the island.

It emerged that the fear of violence and a lack of staff led the social work department to ignore guidelines laid down after the Cleveland report. Sue Millar, under cross-examination, told the judicial enquiry that even if she and her colleagues had offered to help the parents it was unlikely they would have been made welcome.

Mrs Millar, a key figure in the operation to take the nine children of four families, said the parents may have been so hostile they would have threatened the social work staff with physical violence.

After the allegations were made and the children seized the community was left aghast. Within hours of the seizures friends and neighbours offered their support to the families. Hundreds of islanders gathered in the community hall in St Margaret's Hope, South Ronaldsay's biggest village, to discuss ways of getting the children returned. Shortly afterwards an action group was formed to fight for the parents' case.

Yesterday Mrs Millar, aged 36, claimed she was uneasy about the lack of support offered but pointed out that Orkney had approached every social work department in Scotland for help. In spite of the plea only nine social workers offered their services.

"We were very much dependent on the goodwill of other authorities," said Mrs Millar, who was also unhappy about the amount of information her department had on the families before police and social workers took the children away. Mrs Millar added under cross-examination by Edward Targowski, QC, for the families: "I believe in such traumatic circumstances I would have thought about parental support but I would not have been very sure about the reception we would have received from the parents in the circumstances."

She agreed with Mr Targowski that the recommendations in the Cleveland report included involving parents, even if they were thought to be abusers and were hostile, in planning for their children's care. But Mrs Millar added: "I think if parents' hostility was going to include threats of physical violence we would have to draw the boundaries for staff." Mrs Millar spent a week on the mainland explaining to social workers who volunteered their services what they were expected to do.

On her return, two days before the raids, she found that little had been discovered about the families and that no planning for parental support had been done. She urged Paul Lee, social work director, to allocate a social worker to each family but, in spite of pressure from her, this was not done.

The hearing continues on Monday.

UN poised to adopt sweeping nuclear search rights in Iraq

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AS UNITED Nations inspectors flew to Baghdad to investigate Iraq's efforts to build a hydrogen bomb, the security council prepared yesterday to impose the most intrusive controls ever on the country's future nuclear research.

Council members were expected to adopt a resolution late last night prohibiting Iraq from any nuclear activity — including electricity generation — except for work with isotopes for medical treatment and some geological, agricultural and environmental research. The resolution, based on reports by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the UN Special Commission charged with disarming Iraq, would also seek to prevent Iraq from developing chemical, biological or ballistic weapons into the indefinite future.

The sweeping controls include the right of UN inspectors to comb the country almost at will and "to request, receive, examine, retain, copy and remove any record, data and information": Iraq will be barred from importing a wide range of materials that can be used to build nuclear, chemical, biological and ballistic weapons and the Iraqi government will be required to adopt laws making it a criminal offence for citizens to develop the forbidden arms or to manufacture materials for them.

"This is how we stop Iraq in the long-term from picking up and carrying on," Sir David Hannay, Britain's ambassador to the UN, said. "One, we have a very restrictive trade regime which we hope will prevent some of the things they managed to buy before being bought in future. The other is that we have this highly elaborate intelligence pool of continuing inspection efforts."

As the UN Security Council prepared to vote, a seventh team of nuclear inspectors flew to Iraq to resume their search for Baghdad's secret nuclear weapons programme. Dimitri Perricos, the team leader, said the 39 inspectors would be looking into Iraq's attempt to develop a hydrogen weapon, possibly one hundred times more powerful than a normal nuclear device. Documents seized by the last UN nuclear inspection team, which was detained for five days in a Baghdad car park, revealed that Iraq had begun production of Lithium-6, an isotope used only in hydrogen bombs.

"The fact [that they had] Lithium-6 just shows that they had been anticipating they are going to be having a prolonged programme, that they are going into the next step which is boosting of a weapon or going on the thermonuclear weapon," Mr Perricos said.

The official Iraqi News Agency quoted a deputy chairman of Iraq's Atomic Energy Organisation as saying that UN officials were "grossly exaggerating" the country's nuclear potential. The official, who was not named, insisted there was "a systematic campaign of exaggeration and intimidation targeting Iraq's scientific research".

Mr Perricos, a Greek, said his team would begin its inspections today in three different zones in Iraq. "We will be looking at three areas — nuclear material, enrichment processing and weaponisation," he said. The US Defence Department said on Thursday that two nuclear sites in Iraq survived Gulf war bombing — one at al-Atheer, 40 miles south of Baghdad, and one at Furat, closer to the capital.

A second UN inspection team also arrived in Baghdad yesterday to continue to hunt down Iraq's ballistic missiles. Douglas Englund and his colleagues left Iraq only on Wednesday after destroying 28 Scud launching sites and one assembled and four partially built "superguns". He said the 20-member team had returned to clarify discrepancies between the number of missiles Iraq has declared and the number UN experts believe exist.

UN officials say Iraq did not declare several missile launcher pads and there was also confusion about whether or not all its Scud had been destroyed. The two new teams join a 50-strong "super-team" already working to destroy Iraq's chemical weapons at the Muthanna installation north-east of Baghdad.

Israeli troops killed

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

A PALESTINIAN driver seeking to avenge last year's Temple Mount shootings drove a stolen van into a group of Israeli soldiers yesterday, killing two and leaving 11 others injured.

The incident threatened to prompt fresh violence last night. It capped a week of provocative actions by both Arab and Israeli extremists opposed to this week's visit to the region by James Baker, the American Secretary of State. "It is one other terrible deed by terrorists," Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, said after the incident. "We will react accordingly."

Witnesses said that the attack took place yesterday morning at the Tel Hashomer junction, on the main highway between Tel Aviv and Haifa, where soldiers from a nearby military base usually wait to hitch lifts in civilian vehicles. A stolen van with Israeli licence plates was reported to have gone through a red light and veered into the soldiers before crashing into a shelter and overturning.

The driver was seized by civilians and held until the police arrived. The police said later that he had confessed to the attack and had claimed it was in retaliation for the killing of 18 Palestinians by Israeli police on the Temple Mount on October 8 last year. The driver reportedly came from the village of Qibya in the occupied West Bank, which will mark the 38th anniversary on Monday of a revenge attack by Israeli paratroopers which left 66 civilians dead.

Yesterday's incident happened only hours after Mr Baker had predicted that there would be more attacks by both Israeli and Palestinian extremists attempting to sabotage his attempts at convening a Middle East peace conference later this month. Mr Baker is due to arrive in Cairo tomorrow on the first leg of his eighth visit to the region this year as part of his diplomatic initiative.

Until yesterday's attack attention was focused on right-wing members of Mr Shamir's coalition government who took part in the seizure of property by Jewish settlers in the Arab east Jerusalem district of Silwan, creating renewed tension in the city in the run-up to Mr Baker's arrival here on Wednesday.

Ankara strikes at Kurds

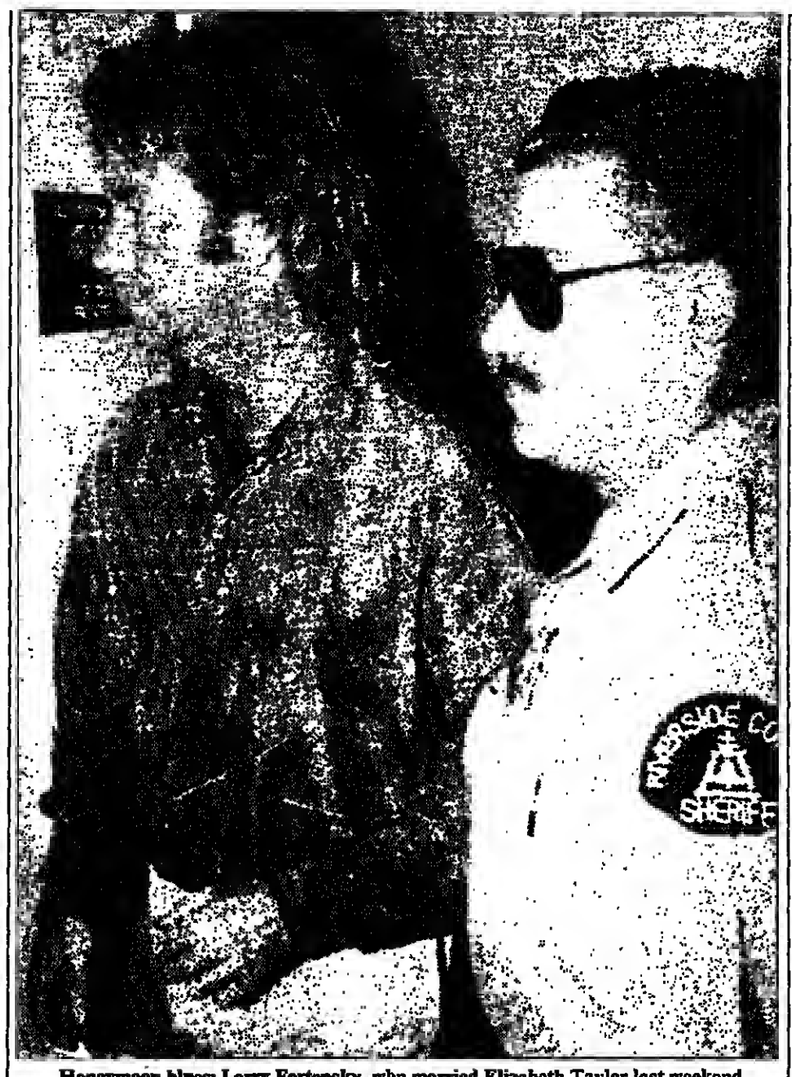
FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN EYRBAKAR

TURKEY has flown bombing runs into Iraqi territory to avenge the death last Monday of 11 Turkish soldiers who were attacked by Kurdish separatists at a military frontier post near the town of Cukurca. Mesut Yilmaz, the Turkish prime minister, speaking to reporters covering the general election campaign, said that eight planes had attacked targets about four miles from the Turkish frontier.

At the beginning of August, the Turks carried out similar retaliatory air strikes accompanied by action on the ground. Mr Yilmaz would not say yesterday whether land forces would be involved.

Commentators during the August raids cast doubt on their military effectiveness. Wollatt Ibrahim, the senior doctor in the Kurdish hospital in the northern Iraqi city of Diyana, complained recently that previous air attacks had harmed Iraqi Kurdish civilians rather than the Kurdish Workers' party activists against whom they were intended. He said that Turkey was trying to warn the Kurdish leadership in Iraq not to support the party.

Ever since the Kurdish uprising across its border last March, Turkish foreign policy makers have been divided on whether to change their traditional line which sees any Kurdish autonomy abroad as an incitement to insurrection. A view gaining ground is that a client relationship with the Kurds of northern Iraq may be the best way of keeping the lid on those indigenous Kurds who take up arms against the Turkish state.



Honeymoon blues: Larry Fortensky, who married Elizabeth Taylor last weekend, appearing in the Corona municipal court, California, to face drink-drive charges. The court case was adjourned after a date had been set for another hearing

Luther King 'was guilty of plagiarism' over thesis

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A COMMITTEE of scholars has concluded that Martin Luther King, the civil rights leader and Nobel peace prize winner assassinated in 1968, was guilty of plagiarism in his doctoral thesis.

The panel at Boston university found that about one fifth of King's 1955 dissertation on the work of two theologians contained direct quotations or altered passages from other works without proper attribution. "There is no question but that Dr King plagiarised in the dissertation by appropriating material from sources not explicitly credited in notes, or mistakenly credited, or credited generally and at some distance in the text from a close paraphrase or verbatim quotation," the scholars said.

The plagiarism charge delivers a new blow to King's reputation. Last year, a biography by the Rev Ralph Abernathy, another civil rights campaigner, alleged that King spent time with a woman the night before he died.

Allegations of King's plagiarism first surfaced in the *Mandrake* column of *The Sunday Telegraph* in December 1989. But American publications, reluctant to tarnish the country's best-known black civil rights activist, were slow to pick them up. King's papers are handled by the King Papers Projects under a professor chosen by Coretta Scott King, his widow, who keeps a close eye on how her former husband is portrayed. An investigation into the charges was launched last year only after *The Wall Street Journal* carried a front-page exposé of the charges, made by academics working on papers at Stanford university.

The Boston panel said that most plagiarised passages were in the body of the dissertation, leaving the conclusions intact. They decided to attach a letter listing their findings to the official copy of King's dissertation in the university library. But they ruled that the dissertation — *A Comparison of the Conceptions of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson Wieman* — did represent "an intelligent contribution to scholarship" and that King's doctorate should not be revoked.

Little Havana prepares for a post-Castro era

Cuba's communist party congress is only a sideshow for thousands of exiles planning a return to the island, **Martin Fletcher** reports

WHEN Fidel Castro goes, Cesar Garcia will ship his entire used car business, the Bonanza Auto Centre, from Miami to Cuba. Louis Galido will sell his popular Latin American cafeteria in Miami's Little Havana and re-open the cabaret he abandoned when he fled the real Havana in 1959. Carlos Alamilla, a packaged food magnate, has hooked freighters in deliver daily relief shipments to Cuba of packet soup and macaroni cheese.

To Miami's million Cuban exiles, this week's Cuban communist party congress in Santiago de Cuba is an irrelevant side show incapable of saving President Castro's skin. Abandoned by the Soviet Union, his country in appalling economic straights, the exiles insist that it is no longer a question of whether the ageing Cuban revolutionary will go but when.

Soon is their answer, and not just they but almost every authority, every business and every institution in south Florida have remarkably advanced contingency plans. When the moment for which these exiles have waited three decades finally arrives, there will be an upheaval such as this region has never seen.

Predicting a sudden, vast and chaotic exodus of Cubans seeking to reach the United States, the US coastguard will effectively blockade the 90 miles of ocean between Cuba and the mainland, turning back not only an armada of everything floatable from Cuba, but also an anticipated fleet of private yachts from Florida going to pick up relatives.

Cars driving up from the Keys will be searched for Cubans who managed to reach those islands. Miami airport anticipates thousands of extra passengers in the first few days and another million a year thereafter. Miami's authorities are planning for perhaps 72 hours of wild street celebrations by hundreds of thousands of Cuban Americans that will create "a massive public safety concern" and cause potentially crippling absenteeism in essential services. Calle Ocho, or Eighth Street, running through the heart of Little Havana, will be lined with police around the clock and the Orange Bowl baseball stadium will be thrown open to try to contain post-Castro mania. The Orange Bowl has a special significance for the exiles as the place where President Kennedy promised Bay of Pigs soldiers in 1962 that he would return their flag when Cuba was free.

A dozen diverse groups are drawing up comprehensive blueprints for a post-Castro Cuba, the most prominent being the Cuban American National Foundation, the exiles largest representative body. Jorge Mas Canosa, its chairman, allegedly aspires to be liberated Cuba's first president. The foundation has some 300 experts working on studies ranging from the peaceful demobilisation of Cuba's military to rebuilding its basic industries and removing ideology from its education system.

Francisco Hernández, its president believes that Cuba can be turned around in a fraction of the time it will take East European countries. He is confident that after so many years of socialism the Cuban people will embrace the foundation's brand of unashamed capitalism but admits one problem: "I hope Castro won't go before maybe March of next year because we won't be ready."

Informal surveys suggest that nearly half the 50,000-60,000 Cuban American businesses would want to invest in Cuba.

French musical epic tries its old magic on Parisians

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

A DECADE and more after the musical *Les Misérables* first achieved modest success in Paris, the show that has now been seen by nearly 20 million people around the world is to open here again tonight.

All the songs and dialogue have been revised back into French, most of the cast is French and the advance publicity hails "a French epic that set everyone singing". It remains only for French audiences in the Théâtre Mogador to be swept away by a spectacle that so thrilled those at the Barbican and on Broadway. But will Jean Valjean, Cosette, the implacable Inspector Javert and the rest of the cast be able to work the same magic with Victor Hugo's compatriots today, whose enthusiasm for grandly staged musicals does not always match that of *les anglo-saxons?*

While Victor Hugo may still be the nearest the French have

Mackintosh: has made Hugo "a worldwide superstar"

to a truly national poet — "alas," observed André Gide in 1902, bemoaning the lack of contemporary competition — much of his work has been gathering dust for years.

Even *Les Misérables*, some heretical critics have pointed out, was completed outside France, during the long years of exile that Hugo passed in Jersey and Guernsey. "We had almost forgotten about that great achievement," one observed in a preview of the show in *Le Figaro* the other day. "It needed a triumph in America to remind us that dear Victor belongs to us here."

No matter, the stage is set at the Mogador, even if the director, John Caird, and the designer, John Napier, are both British. The words and music for the original adaptation that played at the Palais des Sports in 1980 were, after all, the work of two talented Frenchmen, Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg. Both are millionaires now and they have been labouring for the past year to turn the English version back into their own language.

As for the Scottish producer with the golden touch, Cameron Mackintosh, he is reported to be delighted — for reasons of showbiz superstition, one presumes — to have discovered that the architect of the Mogador was from his side of the Channel.

While it does not come easily for the French to heap praise upon the achievements of foreigners, *Le Figaro* concluded with the handsome acknowledgement that although he speaks no French and has never read Hugo's masterpiece, it is thanks to Mr Mackintosh that its author has become "a worldwide superstar".

Call for a common foreign policy endangers EC unity

Genscher: does not share French views on America

A CALL by France, Germany and Spain yesterday for a common foreign and defence policy for the European Community will divide further the community's governments at the end of a sour-tempered week which has reduced sharply chances of EC leaders signing a treaty at the Maastricht summit in eight weeks.

The joint statement by the three foreign ministers does not change the arguments with which France and Germany have advanced their vision of the EC as a diplomatic and military power which might one day act independently of America. But the communiqué uncompromisingly rejects the Nato-oriented stance taken a week ago by Britain and Italy. The emphasis on the use of majority voting for some decisions in joint foreign policy underlines the French and German hope that Britain, which is fiercely resisting the proposal, can be isolated in the last stage of negotiations over the EC's political union treaty. The EC's key players are thus entering the last lap of negotiations almost as far apart on foreign and defence policy as they were when the treaty talks began in January.

As the key players work on the final negotiations before the Maastricht summit, George Brock reports from Brussels that the treaty is still at risk

Diplomats here have discreetly changed the language they use about the run-up to the Maastricht summit, which may turn into one of the most divisive in EC history. Until this week, they would talk about plans to "sign" a treaty on monetary and political union in Maastricht. Talk of signatures is now rare. The most optimistic say that, at best, the EC's leaders will be able to settle outstanding disagreements for a treaty to be ready for signing early next year.

Pessimists who say the EC is overreaching itself have been in the ascendant. As the talks on monetary union have moved steadily towards an agreement, the treaty conference on political union is in an acrimonious mess. Dutch politicians and officials discuss openly the possibility that the talks cannot meet the Maastricht deadline. The small EC states suspect once again that France and Germany are trying to boss the community about. The French government is worrying whether its long-standing partnership with Germany is strong enough to do any such thing.

Much mainstream opinion here this year has maintained that John Major and Douglas Hurd would come round to some, if not all, the federalist schemes in the treaty texts under discussion. As Mr Hurd continues politely to insist that there is a raft of things in the treaty draft which he doesn't like, the assumption that Britain will swallow its reservations at the last moment is not held as widely as it was. Over the past week, Mr Hurd has been chairing the cabinet committee which is setting Britain's bottom line on the unresolved issues. Britain may agree to make concessions on extending the EC's competence, increasing the scope of majority voting outside foreign and defence policy and even perhaps allow the European parliament some new power. But the deep gulfs between Britain, France and Germany over foreign and defence policy are beginning to look unbridgeable.

In his speech to the Tory conference, Mr Hurd dismissed talk of majority voting in EC foreign policy as "wasted breath". This is the language of a minister expecting a shuddering collision on this issue during the next month. On an eventual EC defence policy, Mr Hurd may well succeed in persuading a solid majority to back the idea of developing Europe's defence inside the familiar framework of the Atlantic alliance. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, may have signed yesterday's Paris communiqué which made no mention of Nato at all, but he has also been busy signing vaguely worded documents expressing agreement with James Baker, the American Secretary of State. Germany does not share France's desire to move Europe from under the American wing.

But on foreign policy, Mr Hurd will struggle to avert a deadlock. A proposal to use majority votes to decide the "implementation" of joint foreign policy is backed by everyone except Britain, Portugal and Denmark. Mr Hurd thinks there is no safe way to divide foreign affairs into bits that can be settled by majority and those that require unanimous votes. Watching the EC's foreign ministers trying to hold a common line over Yugoslavia has only hardened his view.

Grudging gestures may help to shore up shaky Yugoslav ceasefire

Army reneges on pact but sieges are lifted

From DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE AND ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB

DEFYING the accord reached only 24 hours earlier in The Hague, Serbian leaders and the federal army last night refused to pull the army out of Croatia and said that it would stay there until there is a political solution in Yugoslavia.

The move not only appeared to slam the door in the face of the European Community's latest peace efforts, but it also increases the possibility of a new round of fighting. The state presidency, which now consists only of four members representing the Serbian bloc, said that the withdrawal of federal troops was "totally unacceptable" as this would leave the Serbian population exposed to "physical liquidation".

The disclaimer issued by Belgrade appears to indicate that hardline army generals refused to implement any commitment to withdraw even after it had been agreed by General Veljko Kadijevic, the federal defence minister. It is rumoured that he is no longer in control of the armed forces.

Heavy fighting continued yesterday around Osijek and Karlovac. An EC convoy carrying food and medicine to the besieged town of Vukovar in eastern Croatia came under heavy mortar fire as it approached the town and was reported to be stranded outside. On the Adriatic coast, federal forces began evacuating the port of Zadar, lifting the naval blockade there but the port of Dubrovnik was still surrounded.

Meanwhile, Croat forces yesterday began lifting the four-week blockade of the Borongaj army barracks in Zagreb in a grudging gesture of compromise intended to hold in place the ceasefire. The 600 soldiers trapped inside the base were expected to be evacuated early today. The move is the result of a trade-off between the forces of the breakaway republic and the army. Federal forces were to withdraw with their ammunition and weapons but without tanks to Bihac in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

But the spirit of the blockade's removal was far from generous. The Croat guards who moved the tank traps, mines and barricades yesterday afternoon were surly. "We are following the orders we were given," said one. "But what is the point of just letting the army regroup in Bosnia? They will just start attacking us again next time."

In the early afternoon an army officer emerged in front of the bullet-holed gates to exchange a curt, wordless salute with a Croat *militiaman* and it was clear that a deal had been done. But the solution to a dangerous local problem came as the army said it did not intend to withdraw from Croatia within the next month, contradicting the pledge given by General Kadijevic during Thursday's talks in The Hague. Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister, said on Thursday that the army would pull out of Croatia if a political settlement could be reached within a month.

● **Rome:** Italy called yesterday for the European Community's Yugoslav peace talks in The Hague to be raised from foreign ministerial level to prime ministerial level to give them more weight. *(Reuter)*

Scorched earth: a Croat national guardsman running for his life from the burning village of Badljevina, near Pankrac, yesterday

Last waltz for Marx but party not over

From ROGER BOYES IN SOFIA

A STUMBLING Karl Marx dances with a beautiful woman in a red mask, watched by secret policemen in trenchcoats and a risible figure in a Soviet army uniform. That is the expertly produced, if over-long, party political broadcast on behalf of the Bulgarian opposition. Its message is quite clear: tomorrow's elections will be the last waltz of the communists in Eastern Europe.

It will be a close run thing, however. Support for the communists — who won 211 out of 400 parliamentary seats in last year's elections, bucking the European trend — is still surprisingly robust. The statue of Lenin that used to stare at the windows of the arch-capitalist Sheraton hotel in the centre of Sofia has been removed but not pulverised. Officially, it had to make way for construction of the capital's underground railway and it is stored carefully in a suburban factory.

Not much of a revolution, then. Opinion polls say that the communists — now named the Bulgarian Socialist party — will notch up about 30 per cent of the votes, losing their absolute majority but remaining by far the strongest party. They have profited from the splintering of the opposition, the Union of Democratic Forces, which ran the communist party so close in polls last year.

Now the union will be lucky to attract 23 per cent of the vote. A breakaway opposition group of social democrats, the Centre Party, could take 10 per cent. The new government will have to lean heavily on the United Agrarian Party, which should bring in about 12 per cent, and the party of the Turkish minority, the Movement for Rights and Freedom.

All the key players say they will not join forces with the socialists. Even Alexander Lilov, the Socialist party chief, nicknamed "Soap" for his slipperiness, says he is ready for a period of constructive opposition.

"You are witnessing the last days of communist party hegemony," says Phillip Dimitrov, chairman of the United Democratic Forces in his cramped Sofia headquarters. He is absolutely sure of victory, but the future government, it seems certain, will be an unstable shifting coalition.

Leader of Omon forces arrested

Moscow — The former deputy head of the Soviet interior ministry riot police based in Riga has been arrested by officials in Siberia, acting on a request from the Latvian authorities, the Russian RIA news agency said yesterday.

It said officials at Surgut in western Siberia had arrested Commander Aleksandr Parfenov. The ministry police, known as the Black Berets, were sent to Surgut after the failure of the attempted putsch against President Gorbachev in August.

Commander Parfenov is accused of having tried to "overthrow the constitutional authorities in Latvia" in January when Black Beret forces attacked the Latvian interior ministry in Riga, killing five people. Latvia has been independent from the Soviet Union for six weeks. *(AFP)*

Moscow snub

Bishkek — Askar Akayev, the only candidate in Kirghizia's first presidential elections, due today, says he will steer his Central Asian republic away both from Moscow and his conservative neighbours. Mr Akayev said he would not sign an economic treaty with other Soviet republics. *(Reuter)*

Phone power

Geneva — Vyacheslav Gurkin, Soviet deputy minister for telecommunications, said that the Kremlin coup might have succeeded if telephone lines had been cut. "One of the main reasons the coup d'etat failed was that its organisers did not pay enough attention to telecommunications," he said. *(Reuter)*

Spy chief goes

Oslo — Svein Urdal, Norway's chief of intelligence, has resigned after he was criticised for allowing Israeli Mossad agents to question Palestinian asylum seekers. The Palestinians were not told that they were being examined by both Israeli and Norwegian intelligence. *(Reuter)*

Holy jaw stolen

Padua — Three masked men have stolen one of the Roman Catholic church's most precious relics, the jaw of St Anthony of Padua set in a cup of gold and precious stones. They held pilgrims in the Basilica of St Anthony at gunpoint and then ran off with the relic in a bag. *(Reuter)*

Yeltsin says Russia will sign new treaty

From CHARLES BREMNER IN MOSCOW

THE prospects of preserving an economic community among former Soviet republics brightened yesterday after Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, gave his approval to a new treaty and other leaders signalled their intention to sign, possibly within days.

Nine republican leaders met President Gorbachev in the new state council and gave their qualified assent after the Soviet president and Grigori Yavlinsky, the architect of the draft treaty, warned them of the consequences if they did not. The treaty was completed ten days ago.

Georgia and Moldavia, which are asserting their declarations of independence, boycotted the Moscow meeting and Ayaz Mutalibov, Azerbaijan's leader, withheld his consent for the treaty, the Interfax news agency said. The ten leaders also gave their blessing to Mr Gorbachev's nuclear arms proposals, which will eliminate thousands of weapons from their territories.

Mr Gorbachev told the leaders that the council, created after the failed coup in August, had not yet fulfilled the trust placed in it and "the patience of people is wearing thin". The world financial community, which is waiting for a sign of economic stability, was watching closely.

Mr Yavlinsky said none of the republics had the resources to go it alone, as several have indicated they might. "The monetary system will disintegrate, production will dwindle and unemployment will begin."

Mr Yeltsin said Russia was ready to sign by October 15, the original deadline, but he objected strongly to terms creating a supranational bank. He called for negotiations to create a system of co-ordination among republican banks, but not a central bank.

Oldest profession flirts with market

From OUR EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT IN WARSAW

THE Casanova club is no more. For a few months it seemed as if the late-night venue in Warsaw was on course to become the first legal brothel in Eastern Europe, but after angry complaints from the Catholic Church, Casanova was forced to retire.

The market revolution in Eastern Europe has brought prostitution into the open, triggered debate about the legalisation of brothels, and established the foundations of a thriving sex industry.

There are now sex shops even in small towns in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland and newspaper kiosks groan under the weight of soft-pornography magazines, especially the products of Paul Raymond, the Soho entrepreneur. The communists tolerated prostitution — it did not fit easily into any ideological category — but the censors were usually reluctant to authorise pictures of naked women. Now even serious magazines have a difficult task keeping afloat without at least one pneumatic blonde or a lightly camouflaged sex story. The advance of capitalism has changed the structure of prostitution.

Of the 100,000 prostitutes in Poland, at least a third are said to be registered as unemployed — early school-leavers with no prospects, redundant textile workers — while many others have to moonlight from underpaid jobs in the state sector, such as nursing. Vietnamese women, stranded by the collapse of communism, are being set up as Thai masseuses. Ukrainian women cross the border and compete with Polish prostitutes at the lower end of the market. In Warsaw, the Russian prostitutes have been driven out of the city centre and mainly ply their trade at a sports stadium. Perhaps the happiest with market reform are the high-class call-girls who, for the first time, report that their books are full of rich Polish customers rather than foreigners.

Yet the liberalisation of the sex industry stops short of establishing legal brothels. Take Laszlo Voros, Hungary's sex millionaire. He has an annual turnover approaching £8 million from several sex clubs, a network of pornographic films and magazines and sex holidays for Austrians and Germans. But he was charged with the illegal possession of ammunition, currency smuggling and procuring women for immoral purposes.

The legal loopholes are inherited from communist legalisation. Thus prostitutes are free to work and the only women registered with the police are those who have committed other crimes. Profiting from prostitution is illegal but that forces the prosecutor to prove that money has changed hands for sexual services. The closure of the Casanova was only possible because three girls had been persuaded to testify against the management. Since the market revolution led to thousands more prostitutes, and since Aids makes prostitution a particularly dangerous health hazard, there is a broad front in favour of legalising brothels.

There is legal paralysis on sexual offences. Hungary, reluctant to pass repressive legislation, ended up with a hotchpotch draft that merely bans the sale of pornography near schools and insists that explicit magazines are sealed. But Czechoslovakia is now the closest to legalising brothels.

Liberals pick former finance minister to lead Japan

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

JAPAN's perky former finance minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, aged 72, yesterday received the official support of the ruling Liberal Democratic party's largest Takeshita faction, making his election as party president and prime minister a virtual certainty when party members cast their votes on October 27.

Followers of Japanese politics are vesting neither great hopes, nor fears in the anticipated Miyazawa administration. His reputatioo as a cautions and conventional conservative may herald two years of stagnant politics, but his good relations with the bureaucracy and his wealth of ministerial experience point to a spell of relatively decisive leadership.

He will follow the shaky two-year administration of Toshiki Kaifu, a member of the party's smallest faction, who was chosen prime minister in the wake of the Recruit bribery scandal, when all Liberal party barons were tainted and the party needed a clean figurehead. Mr Miyazawa is a member of the gerontocracy that has kept the party in power since 1955, and is controller of the third largest faction. He is expected to exert a centripetal force on the party, but his debt to the Takeshita voting machine may yet open him up to bullying. He will owe his victory almost entirely to the Takeshita faction's failure to persuade Ichiro Ozawa, aged 49, its champion and heir apparent, to run.

While Mr Miyazawa appears to have won by default, he has spared nothing on this, his second and final bid to become prime minister. According to yesterday's *Mainichi* newspaper, his faction began fund-raising in August and has spent abont £4.5 million on the race. One member confided to the newspaper that he and his colleagues had spent a month entertaining party MPs and handing them envelopes of cash to promote their cause.

Mr Miyazawa has paid similar homage to hundreds of party members. On one day this week, the spry grandfather reportedly made 157 visits to potential voters, bowing nose to knees all day in his efforts to solicit their support.

According to party tradition, questions of policy among leadership hopefuls are all but ignored in favour of factional power-play and offers of money and cabinet or party posts. This week's race has been no exception, but like his competitors, Mr Miyazawa has been playing to the crowds and mouthing a hastily prepared political platform. He has pledged priority to the revival of an abandoned package of political reform bills, designed to clean up a political system that is prone to widespread corruption. However, few anticipate any substantial reform.

On defence issues, Mr Miyazawa has been a dove, but pressure from the Takeshita faction is expected to push through legislation that will allow Japanese soldiers to join a United Nations peacekeeping force and go overseas for the first time since the second world war. Internationally, Mr Miyazawa is likely to give priority to a good relationship with the American president. He has not been outspoken on Europe or Asia, and he will probably maintain his cautious stance on the Soviet aid problem.

Thailand builds up its navy

Bangkok — Thailand is building a fully-fledged "blue water" navy to protect merchant shipping after an American naval withdrawal from Southeast Asia. Admiral Vichet Karunyavanij told the *Bangkok Post* that the plan included more orders for Chinese-built 1,800-ton Chao Phya class frigates equipped with advanced American-made electronic warfare systems, surface-to-surface missiles and a medium-size "helicarrier" capable of carrying 20 to 25 attack helicopters.

The navy is also shopping for jet fighters and anti-submarine aircraft. The American-built A7E Corsair fighter and the P3 Orion turbo-prop are being considered, the admiral said.

The United States has been given three years to pull out of its naval base at Subic Bay in the Philippines. *(AFP)*

Baby sold

Dhaka — An impoverished peasant sold his eight-day-old daughter to a postman for the equivalent of 10p to buy rice, news reports said. It happened in the flood devastated Jaipurhat district of Bangladesh. The girl's mother, aged 16, had fled earlier because of starvation and torture by her husband. *(AP)*

Editor shot dead

Delhi — A suspended police officer, angered by revelations about his sex life, shot dead the editor of the *Nagpur Times*, an English-language paper in western India. Sub-Inspector Manohar Pendhare burst into the home of Ram Narayan Dube and fired 24 rounds from his pistol. Mr Dube died in hospital. *(AFP)*

Christmas bonus

Canberra — The Australian government hopes that a remote territory, once valuable only for its bird droppings, will become an Indian Ocean paradise for affluent tourists. It plans to auction 30 properties on phosphate-rich Christmas Island, 1,600 miles northwest of Perth, on November 13. *(Reuter)*

Head start: The Queen receiving a hat during a tour of the stalls at Harare's bustling Mbare Musika market on the second day of her Zimbabwe visit

'Comrade Kwin' wins hearts in Harare market

From JAN RAATH IN HARARE

THE Queen acquired a new title yesterday on a visit to a bustling Harare market, which smelled strongly of fish and offered a variety of local delectables from dried caterpillars to incense made from cowdung. She was dubbed "Comrade Kwin" by Esnath Chigumi, a beaming vendor who stood behind a mountain of bright green rape leaves and exchanged a few words with the Queen on her second day in Zimbabwe.

The term has lost its communist connotation, in fashioo when it first came into usage at independence in 1980, and is oow an expression of friendship. "She smiles so nice, you can see she has a good heart," said the stall-holder. Harare city council officials earlier removed piles of fly-encrusted dried bream from the stalls for fear of causing offence, but the British High Commissioo promptly ordered that they be put back.

A week ago the council prepared for the Queen's tour by demolishing the homes of 500 squatters, scarcely 400 yards from the Mbare Musika, Harare's busiest market. The move annoyed the High Commission. "I think there's been enough sanitising on this visit," said one diplomat.

The Queen, in a dress of apricot silk cloque and matching hat, kept her distance as she walked down the narrow aisles, but the Duke of Edinburgh adopted a more "hands on" approach. He had a narrow escape at the traditional healers' stalls, a clutter of bits of elephant hide, porcupine quills, kudu horns, roots and bottles of dark liquid.

The bottles of pale powder he asked the *nganga* about contained *vhuka-vhuka*, made of crushed cantharadine beetle. It is known as spanish fly. "I told him it gives power," the healer said after the duke had left the stall.

After a lunch with President Mugabe, the royal couple were treated to an afternoon of straw bashers, Gilbert and Sullivan and a tree planting school, named after the previous Prince of Wales who visited the school in 1925.

Mandela home is fired on

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

TWO short bursts of automatic rifle fire were aimed at the home of Nelson Mandela, the president of the African National Congress, in Soweto outside Johannesburg, it was claimed yesterday.

It is the first time since his release from prison 20 months ago that an attack against the ANC leader has been made known. Although doubtless there have been many other threats, they have never been publicised by the ANC. Mr Mandela is always escorted by bodyguards wherever he goes and security experts move into any veoue where he is to speak several hours before his appearance.

The ANC said yesterday that Mr Mandela, his grandchildren and members of his staff were at home in his mansioo at ten o'clock on Thursday night when the shots were fired. An aide said tracer bullets were used but none apparently struck the house and nobody was hurt. A police rapid response unit arrived five minutes later.

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Deng will die unmourned

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

WHEN Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, dies, he will pass without ceremony, without mourning, without even a tombstone from the land which he has transformed, the central committee has decided.

The decree announced yesterday bans funerals and public expressions of grief or remembrance for all senior leaders. It does not specifically mention Mr Deng, aged 87, but it is clearly intended to avoid his death being used as an excuse for demonstrations.

In 1989, the death of Hu Yaobang became the rallying point for students bearing wreaths to march from the universities to camp out in Tiananmen Square. What started as mourning turned into weeks of pro-democracy demonstrations which were only silenced by the guns of the army.

In the past, China has said farewell to its leaders with pomp and circumstance reminiscent of imperial days. Just as Qing dynasty emperors lie buried in ornate tombs outside Peking, so Chairman Mao lies embalmed in his own mausoleum on Tiananmen Square. In future, Chinese leaders will be cremated and the ashes placed in local cemeteries.

The central committee gave no reason for its decision. It is believed, however that, given the senior leaders' advanced years, comprehensive arrangements are being made for their deaths. The leadership's priority is the maintenance of order and diplomats believe the first sign of Mr Deng's death may be a heavy security presence on the streets.

While his death is considered the most potentially explosive event, Mr Deng is surrounded by other revolutionary veterans in their eighties whose deaths could give rise to strong emotions and rock the political boat. Mr Deng, who holds no official position but is believed to retain power behind the scenes, has not been seen since February.

His critic and rival, Chen Yun, aged 86, is confined to a wheelchair and seen even less frequently. The authorities rarely disclose information about the health of these men except to say that they are still alive and well.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

I do like to be beside the C side

Peter Barnard finds that the visions from Blackpool and the Galapagos Islands are swimming before his eyes

All is confusion. All is blue. A vision in blue with bloode hair and a large smile swims towards us, screen right. She is surrounded by sealions, who rise all around her, flapping fins and nodding heads, as if to greet a loog lost friend come to enfold a threatened species and take them to a place of safety. This is Sea Trek (BBC 1), I think. This is Martha Holmes, a latter day Michaela Denis, I think. This is the Galapagos Islands, that strange, legendary outcrop off the coast of Ecuador. I think.

All is blue, all is confusion. A vision in blue with blonde hair floats towards us, screen right. She is accompanied by the head C lion, who is wearing a fixed smile in froot of clenched teeth. All around, lesser C lions rise, flapping their fins and nodding their heads, as if to greet a long lost friend come to enfold a threatened species and take them to a place of safety. This is the Conservative Party Conference (BBC 2), I think. This is Margaret Thatcher, a latter day, er, Margaret Thatcher, I think. This is Blackpool, that strange, legendary outpost on the north-west coast of England. I think.

Martha and her Armand, a breezy American called Mike deGuy, take us oo a tour of clear blue waters, seen and heard by means of astonishing technology which transmits both their words and their all-weather smiles. They tell us that in the world of sealions, the males guard the female "harem" by barking at all comers. This inverts the remembered experience of the C lions: the days when they could keep their heads down while the one-woman harem did all their barking.

Martha and Mike help us to recognise the older male sealions, the keepers of the faith, by virtue of their large, weathered foreheads. Nicholas Ridley appears on the screen, interviewed in front of a clear blue backdrop about the perils of shores even wilder than Blackpool's: the shore beyond which lurks the species European.

> *'It left neutrals to admire John Major for the way he unclenched his teeth sufficiently to allow the words out'*

Martha and Mike lean against an undersea cavern entrance and debate the merits of tangling with the circling hammerhead shark. Norman Tebbit appears oo the screen, to be engaged by the fearless Donald McCormick, who will tangle with anything that looks as if it might have an opinion. The two voices are all but engulfed by the sound of applause coming from behind them, a consequence of the obsessive BBC desire to make you feel you are part of it. There were moments this week when I thought I had joined the party, and not just the one underwater.

The competition to broadcast from a point closest to the action was very nearly Olympian. Possibly a medal was at stake. If there was, give it to Anthony Howard of *Newsnight*. In the coverage I saw, he was the only one to broadcast from the platform, the very seat (all right, the very end seat) of power. So struck was I by this achievement that I am damned if I can remember what he was talking about.

Was it not the Galapagos Islands that inspired Charles Darwin? It was. He should have gooe to Blackpool, to research *Origin of the Tories*, a definitive work which, after Thursday, would have had to put aside evolution in favour of Big Blond Bang theory. Michael Heseltine was back, barking and bantering, swooping and soaring, the only sign that he had been absent these five years being that he oow has less trouble with his hair but more with his spectacles.

A standing ovatioo? You said it. A traitor? Forget it. This sounded a lot like a man who could win you an election. And it left neutrals to admire John Major, oot just for bothering to turn up at all yesterday, but also for the way he somehow unclenched his teeth sufficiently to allow the words out. Uoder sea and beside it, you never know where the next tidal wave is coming from.

Cameraman Peter Scoones in the deep blue with the flappers who protect their females from newcomers by barking

Io the ratings blockbuster business, it isn't coming from America. Or if it is, it is not called Cop Rock — a thoroughly daft new series which even in the straining cop show genre is a gimmick too far. For years television cops came in pairs: white men, black men, one of each, two women, married conples. Now they have arrived as a chorus with soloists and full orchestra, a format within which at any moment the prosecuting counsel or the judge or the defendant or indeed all three and their 12 best friends will burst into song. Comic? Opera? Neither and both, but not by any standard definition.

Critics, what can you do? You give them new and original material, and they complain. Don't look at me. Half an hour after *Cop Rock* on BBC1, The Late Show wheeled on the horse and opened its mouth. None other than Steven Bochco, the ioventive creator of *St Elsewhere* and *Hill Street Blues*. He is also behind *Cop Rock*, which is revealed to have been a spectacular flop in the United States. Bochco knew why. People did not want singing cops in their living rooms, he said. Frankly, he said, it was embarrassing. Frankly, he was right.

Long ago when *Late Night Line-Up* was running, it had an independent streak which attracted buy-your-owo-bloody-drink body language when its presenters walked into the BBC club bar. An honourable tradition, and who but the BBC would be big enough io revive it? *The Late Show* team must have beeo buying their own on Monday night, and good oo them. Mind you, they probably had some friends left. *Cop Rock* will have crossed the Atlande in a plain brown wrapper addressed io "purchased programmes", a department suspected, elsewhere io the BBC, of spending too mueh time and money in vile places sueh as Los Angeles.

BBC Sport (logo: a globe) has been looking a touch shrunken of late, glued as it is to the other man's screen. Thus far (and it goes on, and on) ITV has done a good job of covering The Rugby World Cup, competent in the commentary box and better than that in other areas, such as the use of graphics.

Naturally most people will remember the tournament for Dame Kiri Te Kanawa's reodering of the theme song (number 11 in the charts) which has the merit of demonstrating that you do not have io be a large Italian io cross from one culture to another. You can also be a svelte New Zealander.

Dame Kiri turned up on Wogan this week, where our Tel went straight to the heart of the matter by discussing what she looked like. Definitely more attractive than Tina Turner, was his view. Tel, you old culture vulture. She should have hit him; instead, she hugged him. At whieh point I switched off. You can get enough of blondes.

Bits and pieces

DANCE

Cold Dark Matter
Chisenhale Gallery

IN THE centre of the big white hall hangs an enormous oumber of disparate objects: household and garden impedimeota, bits of bicycles, a gumboot and much more.

Three women come in. They make vague gestures towards the shower of objects as they move around it. After a time, they show a touch of violence. Eventually they roll along the ground under the installation, disturbing its trailing ends, and sit up io the middle. The music, meanwhile, goes from attractive sonorides to harsh clanking, scraping and falling sounds, then to a jazzy sequence. The composers are Gavin Bryars, Joo Lever and Henry Threadgill.

This is *Cold Dark Matter: An Exploded View*, billed as a collaboration between the dancer, Gaby Agis, and the sculptor, Cornelia Parker. I can see that Parker has given a context to Agis's work. But what does she get in return? Only after the performance can we get near ber installatioo and grasp what it is about. Now the apparently haphazard collection takes on more cogency, especially if you know (the programme does not tell us) that its starting point was the act of blowing up a shed, photographing the event and trying to reproduce the effect.

Close to, many fascinating details become apparent. But while the dancers were there, with their arcane and sometimes listless activities, we were cut off from the object of their interest. On the other hand, would we otherwise have travelled to Bethnal Green and spent an hour looking at it?

JOHN PERCIVAL

Hare brained confusion

THEATRE

Murmuring Judges
Olivier

AT A TIME when the mental horizons of most dramatists seem to be shrinking, give David Hare credit for thinking big and broad. He has appointed himself the all-purpose ombudsman of the British theatre. Already, he has delivered *ex cathedra* judgments oo the press and the church in *Pravda* and *Racing Demon*; and soon he will switch his attention to parliament. After that, who knows? It may be the turn of agriculture, the military, dons, dentists, undertakers, or the Astronomer Royal. No part of our slippery establishment can expect to elude the Hare brain.

Meanwhile, it is law and order that concerns him; and with reason. Everybody is troubled by a system that has penned innocent Irishmen in horribly overcrowded prisons on the say-so of over-enthosiastic policemen and a credulous judiciary. But what does Hare add to the debate? A story that lets his characters introduce disturbing facts, make critical comments and embody his own likes and dislikes; yet one that remains oddly unsatisfactory in itself.

His exemplary victim is Robert Pattersoo's McKinnon, an Irish labourer with money worries. When two criminals ask him to drive the van in a minor heist, he reluctantly agrees, and is sent down for five years. But here things get puzzling, and oot only to Alphonsia Emmanuel's Irina, the earnest barrister defending him. The detective on the case, Keith Allen's fly Barry, has blackmailed the Irishman's chums into becoming informers; and this seems to be the tip of the iceberg.


Richard Pasco: representing the villainous side of the law

But what is happening under the surface, and how is its exposure likely to free McKinnoo? When critics are found in a tiny cluster after curtain-down, debating the plot's essentials, something needs clarifying.

That spoiled my enjoyment of Richard Eyre's bold production (sponsored by Amerada Hess), which uses a minimum of furniture and a maximum of evocative back-projections. In prison McKiooon is humiliatingly stripped, then shoved into the cells with convicts who treat him even more roughly than Joseph O'Connor's chief screw, who offers him tea and well-meant advice. All this is evidence of Hare's fairness. No sadists here; only limited people doing the impossible job their betters demand.

It is those betters who get up the Hare oose. He himself commits the antique crime of "murmuring", or scandalously criticising, oot only the judiciary, but what he regards as the pompous conspiracy of the Inns of Court. Michael Bryant, playing a judge, is smug enough, but the real villain is Richard Pasco's celebrity silk, for whom bettering his rivals matters more than any pathetic client. In a surprisingly cheap scene, he squires Irina to *The Magic Flute* while McKinmoo cowers in his cell. In another, with equally plain didactic intentions, she lambasts him for his lack of conscience and compassion, a redundant task if ever there was one. She is, pretty evidently, Hare in drag.

Hare can be awkward and unsubtle when he argues his thesis: that British justice is a cruel, foolish, destructive mess. But against that must be counted his energy, his passion and the questions he intrudes. If the police were more efficient, and more than two per cent of crimes ended in convictions, what would our prisons be like? Now there is a paradox worth pondering.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Flat song with sharp lines

THEATRE

Song for a Sanctuary
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

THE newly-formed Kali Theatre Company disclaims any documeotary purpose in its first production, but this slice of life in a women's refuge often sounds like a series of arguments aboui traditioo and progress, carefully articulated in a dramatised sociological study. In fact, the cautious, sometimes hostile, encounters between Rajinder, fleeing from a brutal husband, and Kamla, a worker at the refuge, provide the most interesting aspects of the play.

Rajinder is a conventiooal middle-class Indian: religious, conservative, highly proper. Kamla, with her trousers and hutch haircut, is the Anglicised Asiao who respoods "London" when asked where she comes from, and who dismays the other woman with her ignorance of any languages but English.

Mutual suspicion sooo becomes hostility, each as prejudiced as the other. The bristling iocomprehension is well eharted by the author and co-founder of the company, Rukhsana Ahmad.

The relationship gives the company's other founder a fascinating role. Rita Wolf, well known in film and television besides the theatre, is in splendidly complex form as Kamla: full of right-on attitudes and jargon but prey to preconceptions she contemptuously dismisses. Rajinder is a natural collaborator with oppression, and angrily resents the other woman's cultural assumptions. Kamla has come to Asian culture as an outsider, as revealed in a telling scene where she tries on the older woman's shawl and attempts traditional song and dance — learnt in evening class. Her outburst against "saris, bloody lingo, and all your certainties about the universe" speaks volumes, oot just of exasperatioo but wistfulness, perhaps regret at having abandooed the positive as well as the negative elements of her culture.

The production, jointly by Rita Wolf and Sue Parrish, co-director of the Women's Theatre Group, assumes an episodic pace that could do with variation as pieces of furniture are rearranged after each short take (the play would go well on television).

The dialogues between Kamla and Rajinder and Kamla and her more flexible colleague at the refuge are increasingly at odds with the conventional demands of the plot: Rajinder's daughter revealing parental abuse, the father's pursuit of his family, and the final tragedy which, intercut with the refuge worker's earnest sociological discussions, looks jarringly melodramatic.

MARTIN HOYLE

Clifford Longley

Anglican parishioners must pay up or shut up

The Church Commissioners for England used to enjoy a quiet life. Every year they published their handsome accounts. Every year their executives fielded gentle questions at synods and press conferences. They were plainly a good thing, doing a grand job. Leave well alone, the Church of England said to itself. And if churchmen ever asked if the church could manage without "the Commissioners' millions" — now actually £2.5 billion — they had only to see the books before shuddering and turning away.

For two immediate and one more remote reason, those happy days are over. The first is that the Bishop of Oxford has broken ranks by taking the Commissioners to court over the ethics of their investment policy. Judgment is awaited. The second is that despite an investment policy favouring maximisation of returns regardless of the finer points of ethics, the Commissioners are severely strapped for cash. Grants towards clergy pay have been not just frozen but cut by £4 million, and the diocese of Chelmsford is talking of axing 20 vicars.

The third reason, still some way off, is the prospect of the end of the Church of England's special legal status as the nation's established religion. What happens to the Commissioners' billions in that event is far from clear, though crucial, and what the church really fears is not disestablishment but disendowment.

Without the Commissioners' annual investment income of £165 million, or equivalent funding, the Church of England would shrivel to an ecclesiastical husk. Weekly collections from congregations average a derisory £2 a head, much less than half what is needed for the church to be self-supporting. So the church is highly vulnerable to disestablishment and disendowment, which is why the Commissioners think it so important to maximise investment returns.

Throughout the 1980s, the Commissioners' income rose faster than inflation, and that income has consistently protected the church from market forces of a more mundane kind. That protection is now weakening. For £2 per head per week does not buy much religion. It certainly does not buy a national church with 10,000 full-time paid clergy, almost all with families. Nor does it signify much commitment from ordinary members.

Chelmsford diocese is about to put this commitment to the test. It used to be said that Anglicans were only ungenerous because they believed the church was rich. If church members now find parishes closing or denuded of clergy, will they see the light and make good the shortfall? Church leaders do not think so, in which case there is no hope of raising more from the pews to compensate the Commissioners for the penalties of rejecting high-yielding investments on ethical grounds.

The Commissioners say that as public trustees they have a legal duty always to seek the best dividends they can. The Bishop of Oxford says they should be free to decline higher dividends from sources of which the church does not approve, even if this cuts their total income. Theologically, he has a good argument, but that may be little help in interpreting the law.

The case will clear up one significant uncertainty. Do the Church Commissioners belong to the church, or are they part of the state? If they belong to the church, they should be bound by whatever ethical distinctions the church likes to make between good and bad sources of income. If the state, then the only distinctions they need to observe are those insisted on by Parliament.

One day — and few churchmen now deny it — church and state will be pulled apart. If the Commissioners are part of the Church of England, they and their billions will go with the church; but if their assets belong to the state and they are just one more public corporation, their largesse is a "government subsidy" for one particular religion which could not possibly be justifed after disestablishment.

In the long run, it would have been cheaper and safer for the Commissioners to have conceded the Bishop of Oxford his point, and then waited to see if anybody sued from the other direction. The more the Commissioners look as if they are within the precincts of the Church of England, rather than an independent state body governed only by secular law, the safer their millions will be from confiscation by disendowment.

With the Cold War over, Nigel West calls for a museum of espionage and suggests some exhibits

Britain's secret history

In a corner of the ground floor of the CIA headquarters at Langley, Virginia, is an area devoted to the CIA's historical collection. By the side of the KGB's notorious building dominating Lubyanka Square in Moscow a first-floor museum extends across the whole of the officers' mess. Paradoxically, one complements the other: the current exhibition at Langley includes a selection of Soviet uniforms, with a special emphasis on what were until recently the KGB border guards. The KGB's glass-panelled cabinets contain espionage paraphernalia such as silenced weapons and miniature wireless sets, mostly of American origin. Both establishments may be visited by invited guests.

Neither the British Security Service nor the Special Intelligence Service (SIS) appears to place the same value on items of historical importance, and neither allows outsiders access to its premises. The SIS has no means to display pieces from its archive, and MI5 has only a scruffy display cabinet in its Mayfair training section.

Britain's attitude to the achievements of the intelligence community is characterised by ignorance and neglect. Many of the famous huts in the grounds of Bletchley Park, where some of the great wartime cryptographic triumphs took place, have been demolished with scant regard for the crucial role the site played. Similarly, the "black radio" station at Woburn has been allowed to fall into disrepair and the "Bombe" annexes at Grayburst in Northamptonshire and Eastcote in Middlesex, where the daily settings of the Enigma cipher machine were deduced, are threatened with destruction. Even the famous duplicate cabinet war room, deep underneath Dollis Hill, which Churchill repaired to at the height of the Blitz, lies derelict under several inches of floodwater.

Sadly, despite the wealth of material available for show, there is little suitable accommodation in this country, and no effort has been made to emulate the Soviet and American examples. The Intelligence Corps Museum at the Templer Barracks outside Ashford in Kent is bursting at the seams with valuable artefacts, many of them dating back to the first world war, but the building is located just inside the military compound so access is necessarily restricted. Similarly the Royal Signals Museum near Trowbridge in Wiltshire, which has a fine collection of equipment, is obliged to restrict visits by the public.

The famous Black Museum at New Scotland Yard contains some fascinating curiosities from the world of espionage, including some ingenious Soviet spy equipment, but unfortunately there is hardly room for both visitors and exhibits.

Enigma: still under wraps

Unlike the National Security Agency near Baltimore, which is also developing a collection of vintage computers and reconstructed Japanese cipher machines, its British counterpart at Cheltenham is so secretive that it will not share material dating from 1941 with the NSA's historians. The absurdity of the secrecy maintained by GCHQ was eloquently demonstrated when a loan was made of an old Wehrmacht Enigma machine to the Science Museum in South Kensington. Strict conditions were imposed on the way the machine could be displayed, and the staff are still not allowed to open the lid to reveal the mechanism to the public, even though there are several authentic Enigma machines in private hands in America, and probably at least one in this country. Most were looted at the end of the war and have been sold in recent years following the disclosure of the "Ultra" secret.

The haphazard way in which the British authorities deal with such items is demonstrated by the appearance in the Imperial War Museum of a German suitcase wireless transmitter. When it was first put on display there was no indication of its origin, the use to which it had been put, or the circumstances of its capture. It had been recovered from a German double-agent based in Iceland, one of a pair run by SIS with the codenames "Cobweb" and "Spider". The case officer responsible for supervising both spies was Harold Blyth, a counter-intelligence expert whose wartime career extended into the peace. His widow found the radio stored under his bed after his death. She contacted her late husband's superiors at SIS headquarters. When it found its way to the Imperial War Museum, the documentation said it had been contributed by Guy Bratt, himself a senior SIS officer. Under the terms of the Official Secrets Act he was prohibited from disclosing any information regarding its origins.

The Special Forces Club in Knightsbridge, the members of which are mostly survivors from the Special Operations Executive (SOE), is often approached by those who have stumbled across wartime memorabilia. Each item is considered by the club's historical committee, a panel of experts including a representative of the Imperial War Museum, which apparently plans to devote space in future to material connected with the SOE. Whether this is to be a permanent display has yet to be decided, but some anxiety was expressed at the club's annual general meeting in April.

The best destination for such material would be a permanent site, preferably in central London, where all the items of intelligence significance could be gathered together. When, some years ago, a farmer in Wales showed his local Special Branch a KGB transmitter he had accidentally unearthed in a field, it was then seized by MI5, never to be seen again. A similar fate has befallen dozens of other pieces from a lost era, such as Gordon Lonsdale's Canadian passport and the miniature camera concealed in a wallet used by the RAF traitor Douglas Britten.

With the Cold War over and the need for such ridiculous secrecy diminished, it is time that such artefacts were catalogued and offered for public viewing. And, as a correspondent suggested on the page opposite last Tuesday, nowhere could be more appropriate than SOE's old headquarters in Baker Street.

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The lure of the Snark

Julia Briggs hunts down a strange beast now on the loose in London

The Bellman, the Banker, the Butcher and the Beaver, from *The Hunting of the Snark*, drawn by Henry Holiday, 1876

For over a century Lewis Carroll's comic and melancholic ballad *The Hunting of the Snark* has entranced children and adults alike. Now it is about to hit the stage as a musical. Like T.S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, Carroll's poem combines inspired nonsense, an eccentric cast of characters, tripping rhythms ("They sought it with thimbles, they sought it with care") and high spirits with darker undertones. Its theme is a doomed quest and its mood one of metaphysical dread.

"For the Snark *was* a Boojum, you see." This, the poem's last line, was also its starting point. It came to Carroll quite suddenly as he was walking across a hillside near Guildford on a June day in 1874: "I knew not what it meant, then: I know not what it means, now."

The Snark is a poem of male courage and camaraderie, the tale of a band of brothers. The Bellman and his crew (who are mainly named for their occupations and all begin with "B") undergo a series of trials. Yet like the *Alice* books, the poem is dedicated to a little girl of golden memory, a child whose name — Gertrude Chataway — is woven into an acrostic poem of dedication.

Carroll met the eight-year-old Gertrude on the beach at Sandown, on the Isle of Wight, during the summer of 1875 and they at once struck up a friendship. He was amused at her unconventional dress ("A bare-legged girl in a sailor's jersey") while she was amused at the way he snuffed the sea air in deeply, and told her wonderful stories.

At this stage the poem was well advanced and Carroll was waiting for the artist, Henry Holiday, to complete his set of illustrations for it. Carroll had met Holiday early in the previous year and as they became friends, Holiday drew some nude studies of children which Carroll, a passionate amateur photographer, intended to "try to reproduce in photographs". In the following summer of 1876, a few months after *The Snark*'s publication, Carroll had discovered that the Chataways were not returning to Sandown that year, so he wrote to Mrs Chataway inviting her to bring Gertrude to be photographed in Oxford (where under his real name, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, he taught mathematics at Christ Church).

A postscript enquires "What is the minimum amount of dress in which you are willing to have her taken? I should see no objection . . . to photographing her in Eve's original dress." A follow-up letter, written in October, explains that he has photographed Lily Gray with nothing on, adding "Are you going to allow Gertrude . . . to be done in the same way?" But apparently Mrs Chataway had reservations, since in the portraits Gertrude wore bathing-drawers or a night-dress. The visit to Oxford was followed by a coy letter to Gertrude herself in which Carroll tells her that his doctor has diagnosed him as suffering from too much kissing and has warned him, "You may not give her *any* more until your lips are quite rested again."

While such behaviour arouses unease today, for Gertrude Chataway, as for many other little girls whom he "picked up" (in his own phrase), Carroll figures not as a heavy-breathing monster but as a favourite uncle whose friendship gave untroubled pleasure and delight: they remembered him with artless affection and admiration. To Carroll, the pleasure of their company probably seemed more delicate, ethereal and pure than any relationship with a mature woman could be.

The hero of the Snark is the Baker who (like Alice in the wood) has forgotten his own name ("He would answer to 'Hi!' or to any loud cry, / Such as 'Fry me!' or 'Fritter my wig!'"); he has also forgotten his 42 boxes, all neatly labelled for the voyage, and he proceeds to forget to warn his comrades in a language they could understand of the grave personal risk he runs in pursuing the Snark, for, if it is a Boojum, he "will swiftly and silently vanish away, And never be met with again."

This fate of sudden and utter annihilation was a Carroll theme. The normally courageous Alice is reduced to tears when Tweedledum and Tweedledee warn her that she is only a part of the Red King's dream; if he wakes, "you'd go out — bang! — just like a candle!" The Baker ("His intimate friends call him 'Candle-ends'") is an equally dauntless figure, yet he is transformed from the hunter to the hunted. Eventually, the Bellman and his gallant crew lose the Banker to a Bandersnatch and the Baker to the Snark who is really a Boojum, and their quest peters out in silence and loss.

And so too for Carroll the golden summer afternoon of innocence could not last; as the 1870s drew to a close, he put away his camera for ever, and left detailed instructions in his will as to how his nude photographs were to be erased. Alice Liddell, who had inspired the books named after her, was married, and there were to be no more pure nonsense books.

Carroll's last book, *Sylvie and Bruno*, blends wonderland comedy with a nostalgic and sentimental evocation of adult emotions, though even these are suffused with longing for the fairy child-bride Sylvie, lost for ever in the wood of dreams. Perhaps Carroll's own Snark had finally turned out to be a Boojum.

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...and moreover

PHILIP HOWARD

Henry Fielding, inventor of the modero novel, had the kind of self-assurance with all sorts and conditions of men that is traditionally supposed to sit upon an Etonian. He once fell into company with the Earl of Denbigh, whose family name was Feilding, spelt that way, as Englisb spelling does with proper names, to wrong-foot outsiders. It turned out that they belonged to the same family. The earl asked why they spelled their names differently. Fielding replied that he had no idea, "except maybe that my branch of the family was the first to know how to spell".

Sucb variant spellings do not make mucb difference with proper names, apart from snobbery and one-upmanship. It does not really matter if you pronounce the surname Featherstonehaugh the way it looks, rather tban the way the family prefers to be pronounced, Fanshaw. In the government, the Secretary of State for Health has one of these trick names that are not pronounced the way they look. It is a habitation name for the place in Northamptonshire that was recorded in Domesday Book as Waldegrave. It means the grove (Old English "gráf") belonging to Old. Old is a nearby place, so called from the Old English "w(e)ald", the forest. Hence "Waldegrave", old forest's grove. So far, so straightforward.

The family traces its descent from Richard Waldegrave of Smallbridge in Suffolk, who was speaker of the House of Commons in the 14th century, when being speaker was an even dodgier job than it is today. You could lose your bead, as well as your temper. Over the centuries, the pronunciation of the name has shifted away from its spelling. It is now naff and ill-informed to pronounced it as a trisyllable. It should be pronounced as only two syllables, with tbe faintest hint of the vanishing dental d between them. Fielding (or Feilding) would no doubt have something to say about this.

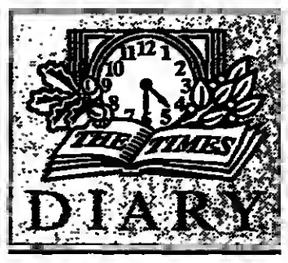
Idiosyncrasy is a merit in proper names. It belps to distinguisb Smythe from Smith and De'Ath from Death. But beyond the special case of names, little differences in spelling and pronunciation can make a big difference to the seose. Tbe mishearing of homophones or bomonyms or near-homophones can create merry havoc in a piece of copy dictated by telepbone. Sight always comes out at the other end as site, whenever I am dictating, and I am still giggling ruefully at the epithet that emerged as hair-brained, conjuring up a surrealist image worthy of Scarfe.

More Englisb is being generated than ever before since the Tower of Babel. I sometimes think that there must be more disc-jockeys and chat-show hosts blathering on the gross superfluity of radio and television stations than there are people listening to them. Quite a lot of their spelling is now checked by machine, or by people who don't spell well themselves. This is good for an open society, but not for sense.

In the New Delhi telephone directory ao advertisement makes the alarming claim: "We are the world's largest manufacturer of flattened wenches." So mucb difference can that little r, which some of us find hard to pronounce, make to your sense. I once fell in with a Dutcb secretary whose English was fluent (as it tends to be among the Dutch) but far from idiomatic. Lnckily we read through ber letter taken from dictation, which stated that the organisation comprised "about 1,500 erected members".

A friend on a mountain holiday was using his word-processor for a letter expatiating on the beauties of the mountain flowers. His spell-cbecker stopped at the phrase "a meadow hlue with gentians", a word that it had not come across, and suggested that perbaps be meant "genitals".

Not all quasi-homophones are as disastrous as those. And we have not even considered the hazards of homeographons. Unless you are lucky and careful enough to have a clear calligraphy, "ducks" can easily be read as "chicks", which could cause trouble if you were in the poultry business. A queen regnant is different in one respect at least from a queen pregnant. In the tycoon of language, little characters can make a lot of difference, if yon want to avoid making a gaffe, and being boist by a gaff.



Bomber's beastly war

ONE interested party has been notably silent in the debate about the merits of the decision to erect a statue to honour Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris: the sculptor. Faith Winter, the creator of the £100,000 nine-foot bronze statue, which will be unveiled next March alongside one of Lord Dowding, wartime commander of Fighter Command, has deliberately kept her counsel.

But Winter has an intimate knowledge of the arguments: sbe also sculpted the statue of Lord Dowding. "I have decided to speak out. I do not believe the Harris statue should be considered in isolation."

Winter formed a special relationship with Harris's son, Sir Anthony Harris, and his daughters Rosemary and Jacqueline during the commission. "His family recalled a wonderful father with a great sense of humour and a sense of fun," she says.

At a viewing of the statue before it went off to be cast in bronze, Sir Anthony commented in public for the first time: "He was a reserved man with an enormnus sense nf humnur, but was terribly worried about the war. On several occasions I remember him telling me: 'It was a beastly business.'"

Winter carried out extensive research, talking to friends, relatives and men whn served under their command. "My reading and, even more, hearing at first-hand the experiences and views of those who flew at the time, enabled me to understand their motivation and their desire to win the war as quickly as possible."

In his book *Bomber Offensive*, Sir Arthur wrote of the carpet-bombing which destroyed Dresden and other German cities: "Here, I will only say that the attack oo Dresden was at the time coosidered a military necessity by much more important people than myself."

Winter, who has been deeply upset by the attacks on Harris, says: "I suggest the commanders and airmen of both Fighter Command and Bomber Command deserve commemoration. The two statues support each other and both sbould be there."

Enter stage right

TORY leaders went out of their way yesterday to emphasise the different speaking styles of John Major and Mrs Thatcher. But wben Major rose to make his vital speech, his confidence was bolstered by the presence in the wings of one of Mrs Thatcher's most trusted speecb-writers.

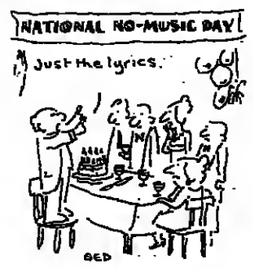
In a surprise move, Downing Street called in playwright Sir Ronald Millar to polisb up Major's speech. Sir Ronald travelled to Blackpool on Monday to take part in the final work on the speecb. Chris Patten insisted all week that Major would be himself and would not need to rely on the image-makers, but with comparisons inevitable between the styles of Major and his predecessor, the call went out last week to Sir Ronald, one of Mrs Thatcher's speech-writers for 16 years.

Sir Ronald also advises on delivery techniques, and is understood to have told Major to speak more quickly, and to try to add a lower, more authoritative timbre to his voice.

Golden day

IT'S not exactly the contribution that arts minister Tim Renton had in mind when he asked the Musicians' Union to a meeting in Whitehall to discuss National Music Day. Far from suggesting a nationwide series of concerts, or a record to mark the event, the union suggested the opposite. It says the best way musicians can achieve the recognition they deserve is if there is a national no-music day.

The union thinks it would make much more of a stir by downing instruments on June 28, the date Renton has pencilled in. Renton, who has been working with Mick Jagger and Harvey Goldsmith among others, thought the union was joking. Was it? Horace Trubridge, the union's careers adviser, says it was no joke. The idea is that people would really appreciate musicians if music were banned for a day. "It would be a really sound idea to have no sound for a day. The union of course realises that this is a theoretical idea." The notion was greeted with gales of laughter.



● *Guess which minister had to abandon his train at Blackpool, 40 minutes after it was due to leave, and make the 30-minute journey to Preston in a taxi? None other than Francis Maude, who at the conference this week extolled the virtues of the citizen's charter which, among other things, is designed to come to the aid of long-suffering rail commuters.*

Happier days

WHEN the Sumo wrestlers took their bow at the Albert Hall earlier this week, they were nearly upstaged by Sir Peter Parker's welcoming speech in fluent Japanese. But the Japanese in the audience might have cheered his bravado performance with rather less enthusiasm had they known where Sir Peter, chairman of the Japan Festival, honed his speaking skills.

"I was in North Burma in 1944, interrogating Japanese prisoners of war," says Sir Peter. "They were rather less attractive circumstances." Sir Peter learnt the language as a 16-year-old student at the School of Oriental and African Studies, but when he became a major in the Intelligence Corps in 1943, his skills were put to effective use. "Now the circumstances are rather more peaceful, I am happy to say. We've grown one generation to another."

● *When BBC local radio conducted early morning interviews with Tory MPs at Blackpool's Winter Gardens yesterday, it was not only early-bird delegates who got the benefit of the politicians' views. A mix-up over frequencies meant the interviews were also broadcast over police panda-car radios.*

JOHN MAJOR

Last November, the Tory kingmakers offered the nation a pig in a poke to succeed the overthrown Margaret Thatcher. In his first conference speech as leader at Blackpool yesterday, John Major gave a clearer idea of who he is, but not of where he is going. Public speeches may not matter as much in the age of television as the set-piece interview or even the soundbite. But British politics is still the politics of the club — witness the manner of Mr Major's election — not of presidentialism. Set piece speeches, whether at party conferences or in Parliament, are still crucial to club ascendancy.

Yesterday Mr Major established his ascendancy emphatically. If his demeanour and voice remain unassuming, soft-spoken, in a word grey, he can at least crack jokes about it. Like many of his cabinet, he does not take easily to the autocues and magnifying screens which disjoint delivery and distort eye contact with an audience (they should be discontinued). But in his words, Mr Major showed a remarkably confident mastery of his job and his party.

He used his own past deftly to substantiate an otherwise cliché-haunted advocacy of equal opportunity. Here was an authentic product of the post-war meritocracy, in the mould of Edward Heath and Margaret Thatcher. In terms of class background, the Tory cabinet is not appreciably different from Labour's shadow one. Mr Major's Conservative party may be the party of success, even of wealth, but it cannot be called the party of privilege.

The account of the past year's custodianship was sketchy. The prime minister is entitled to take pride in his conduct of the Gulf war, in his handling of Europe, in the apparent conquest of inflation. Equally understandable was that he should have paid little attention to the price the British economy has paid to achieve low inflation, to the depth of the recession and to the lingering sores of Northern Ireland and urban decay. That he should oppose "progressive" methods of education, castigate property crime, deplore left-wing councillors and support the National Health Service is hardly surprising. But those who search for novelty or specificity in John Major's presentation will look in vain. He paid fulsome tribute to colleagues who have spent the past year consolidating the changes of the 1980s, but he was disappointingly platitudinous in doing so.

Indeed, and this is the continuing doubt about Mr Major, he seemed eerily policy-averse. Those used to the red meat of a Thatcher oration must clearly get used to lighter fare. In his reference to the NHS, his audience applauded his eloquent nailing of Labour's mendacity and then awaited his defence of the upheaval that is causing his party such anguish. None came. Mr Major is a consolidator, not a radical. He feels the Thatcher years were those of sufficient change. For the future there is just the neo-liberalism of the Citizen's Charter.

Vision in politics can be a dangerous thing. Mrs Thatcher's vision was specific and often exciting, but it could scare her party out of its wits — and over poll tax out of its senses. The case for a converse approach, especially in advance of an election campaign, is strong. But Mr Major made much of the vacuity of Labour policy under Neil Kinnock. He chided Labour for no longer knowing where it is going.

Yesterday the nation received some banalities — "the power to choose, the freedom to own" — and some reassurance: it has a leader of character and charm. But of that leader's intentions for the welfare state, for European union, for tax reform, for local government, for the constitution and the law, indeed for much of the Thatcher legacy, the nation as yet knows little. A year ago, it was offered a leader for whom it had not voted and on whom it must wait at least another half year to vote. It appears to like the pig, but the pig is still in the poke.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Live on some American channels, leading the news on all networks, an electrifying battle is joined in the US Senate this weekend between two articulate self-made lawyers, both from poor backgrounds and both black. The outcome will decide the fate of President Bush's latest nominee to the Supreme Court of the United States. But it is not only Judge Clarence Thomas who finds himself in the dock of public opinion.

Women across the country have the entire US Senate, only two of whose hundred members are female, in their sights, accusing senators in thousands of letters and telegrams of rank insensitivity to sexual misconduct. The final Senate vote will only tangentially be about the composition of the Supreme Court or even about the "character" of Judge Thomas. The senators are under enormous pressure to demonstrate how seriously they take sexual harassment. The scene is set for an orgy of "politically correct" hypocrisy.

Professor Anita Hill claims that the judge insisted on discussing his sexual prowess and pornographic films with her when she was his employee a decade ago. These allegations, made confidentially, were leaked to a pro-abortion lobby opposed to the conservative judge's appointment. Hence, after a confused pause, the new hearings, an ordeal of cross-examination which would be painful even without the television cameras. The verdict, especially given the lapse of years, cannot be clearcut.

Dr Hill has stopped short of accusing the judge of verbal sexual harassment in the workplace, which is a crime under American law. Her complaint is of conduct unbecoming one in high office. Judge Thomas, denying the charge, himself asked for this special hearing "to clear my name".

Seen by some as an eleventh-hour player in the political game of character-assassination which has increasingly dominated Senate confirmation hearings, Dr Hill is lauded by others as the standard-bearer for thousands of women in their struggle against what the American media call "power-leering". That is something most women regard, with varying degrees of resentment, as a hazard of their sex. There are few subjects on which most men feel less comfortable. Verbal harassment is both commoner and far harder to define than physical harassment. In the backchat between sexes; there is no infallible line between what men tend to see as "all good fun" and what some — but not all — women find obnoxious or intimidating. When most women try to dress attractively for a male-dominated working world, when is a compliment intrusive? Bottom-pinching is obviously insulting, but what of the pat on the shoulder?

The Americans have blazed this new and elusive trail for mutual respect in the workplace, as they have in many other areas of women's rights. Since verbal harassment became a criminal offence in 1986, legal practice has been that a victim need only demonstrate that an activity would seem like harassment to a "reasonable woman". There is nothing trivial about the allegations against Judge Thomas. Yet, given the timing of Dr Hill's complaint and the fact that she followed him to another agency after the incident, the affair has about it an aura of political contrivance.

The issue has nothing to do with the legal opinions on abortion, civil rights or anything else that Judge Thomas would be likely to hold if confirmed. Those he has kept well hidden. Mindful of the Senate's successful hounding of Judge Bork, he offered no hostages to fortune in the original hearings. Equally, he did little to substantiate President Bush's claim that this little-known man was pre-eminently qualified for the job, resting his case on "character". In nominating him, Mr Bush exploited the hypersensitivity of America's racial politics to reinforce the conservative voice in the Supreme Court. How ironic that America's equally hypersensitive sexual politics should now have put his choice at risk.

IN COMMUNION

The spectacle of prayers and vigils for the hostages in Lebanon, focused on St Bride's in Fleet Street but echoed throughout the land, has been one of the more heartening aspects of a story that is otherwise so full of sorrow. But do these prayers achieve anything more than making those who pray feel better? The question is relevant to people of many religions and of none. By no means all agnostics, or even atheists, would regard it as meaningless for individuals to formulate their innermost hopes and desires in the time-honoured form of prayer.

In a letter to *The Times* earlier this week John Habgood, the Archbishop of York, took issue with Rabbi Dan Cohn-Sherbok. The rabbi had argued in an article that God's omniscience is such that He knows whether or not the hostages will be released; hence "there is no point in praying for the opposite to take place". Not so, the archbishop declared. Since the future does not yet exist, God's omniscience does not entail knowledge of the future. "History is not a film already made and waiting to be shown."

It would be wrong to take these or any other two theologians as representative of the Christian and Jewish attitudes to these matters. At least since St Augustine, Christians have entertained a wide variety of opinions about the implications of God's omniscience for humanity and hence also for prayer. Prayers for the dead have always played a large part in monastic religiosity, whether Catholic or Orthodox, but less so in Protestant thought. Prayers for the living, though, are common to all Christians and, indeed, most other religions.

There is a comparable spectrum in Judaic thought. At one extreme is the heterodox but still influential figure of Spinoza, whose *Ethics* drew the extreme consequence of absolute determinism from his exalted conception of God, in which there is little place for prayer. At the other is Franz Rosenzweig, who revolutionised Jewish theology by drawing new meaning from traditional prayers and festivals.

For those who do not believe in God, the extent of his prescience is irrelevant to the question of whether prayer has any meaning. To the agnostic, prayers for the hostages may still have an objective value. If public, they are an expression of solidarity and compassion; if private, they may amount to a scrutiny of the individual's own conscience. Prayer is sincerity or it is nothing. As Hamlet's uncle Claudius sighs: "Words without thoughts never to heaven go."

The secularised world has dispensed with so much religious baggage that it can ill afford to lose the rich language of prayer. Even the most banal prayer imposes a mental discipline. It presents the supplicant with an opportunity to identify with others in desperate straits. The extraordinary outpouring of feeling for the imprisoned hostages has been a welcome manifestation of the continuing need for votive expression, even among those who never cross the threshold of church, synagogue or mosque.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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On the right or wrong rail link?

From the Chief Executive of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Sir, Mr Malcolm Rifkind's rejection of the British Rail preferred route for the Kent high-speed rail link in favour of the Ove Arup route (report, October 10) is deeply disappointing. Of the three options the BR route would have impacted least on areas of national nature conservation importance, and was therefore favoured by the RSPB.

The Ove Arup route will carve through the Rainham Marshes site of special scientific interest, one of the last places on the fringe of London of *national* nature conservation interest.

The Rail Europe option would be even worse as it would cross the Medway estuary and north Kent marshes which are of *international* importance for their wild birds, and are identified for special protection under the EC Directive on Bird Conservation. We now need a clear commitment from the government on two counts — not to move the Ove Arup route eastwards into these sensitive areas, and to minimise the impact on Rainham Marshes.

All this points to the urgent need for a full and impartial process of environmental assessment. This would enable the government to weigh up the competing interests likely to be affected by any new rail link and associated development in the east Thames corridor.

Despite this need the government has proposed to expedite the consent procedures for such development, which will reduce the opportunity for interested parties to put their views.

Yours sincerely,
BARBARA YOUNG,
Chief Executive,
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds,
The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire.
October 10.

From the Chairman of Transport 2000

Sir, The decision by the secretary of state for transport to choose the eastern route for the new Channel tunnel rail link may well be the right one. But was it not indisputably wrong to encourage British Rail to make preparations for another route, involving them in spending over £100 million which in the end its passengers have to provide?

After all, the total grant for Network SouthEast is by comparison only £143 million this year. Is there not a moral obligation for British Rail's expenses in this matter to be reimbursed?

Yours faithfully,
†HUGH MONTEFIORE,
Chairman, Transport 2000,
Walkden House,
10 Melton Street, NW1.
October 10.

From Mrs Angela Bebb

Sir, Of course we in Peckham and Camberwell are happy about the choice of the Stratford route to King's Cross for the Channel tunnel rail link. An estimated 7,000 houses in Peckham alone would have been adversely affected by British Rail's chosen route.

The price that has been paid by communities along British Rail's preferred route has already been too high. To disguise our relief that we can start rebuilding our lives would be hypocritical. But the Stratford route is an intelligent and forward looking choice by the government, albeit one we wish had been made sooner.

Yours faithfully,
ANGELA BEBB (Co-Chairman, Peckham and Camberwell Action on the Rail Link),
106 Talfourd Road, SE15.
October 10.

From Mr Malcolm Balen

Sir, Your editorial (October 10) states that the "local aggravation inevitable" with projects like the Channel tunnel rail link has spent itself. How extraordinary then that —, like thousands of residents in southeast London — I am still angry over what has happened in the last three years.

British Rail has torn the heart out of Peckham — buying up more than a hundred homes — some of them now boarded up and some of them squatted.

Local aggravation may or not be inevitable. But in this case it is justifiable.

Yours etc.,
MALCOLM BALEN,
23 Lyndhurst Way, SE15.
October 10.

Judicial function of European Court

From Mr Gavin Smith

Sir, One hesitates to take issue with a jurist of the distinction of Lord Mackenzie-Stuart. However, his assertion (October 3) that the function of the European Court of Justice is a purely judicial one cannot go unchallenged.

In the opinion of many objective commentators, the court has since its inception been inspired more by a political urge to achieve European integration than by a desire to "ensure that in the interpretation and application of the treaties the law is observed", as it is enjoined to do by article 164 of the Treaty of Rome.

Indeed, of the two most fundamental principles of EC law one (its supremacy over national law) is exclusively and the other (its direct applicability in national proceedings) largely the product of judicial inventiveness, designed to increase the impact of EC law at the expense of national law.

Perhaps Lord Mackenzie-Stuart would like to comment on the recent statement made (extra-judicially) by one of his former brethren, Judge Mancini, that "the main endeavour of the court has been to reduce the differences between the treaties and a constitution"; that it "has sought to 'constitutionalise' the treaty . . . to fashion a constitutional framework for a federal-type structure in Europe" (*Common Market Law Review*, 1989). I am not aware that any present or former judges of the court have dissociated themselves from these views.

Probably the most striking recent instance of judicial policy-making by the European Court was its decision last year in the Chernobyl case (Case 70/88), where it held that the European Parliament could in certain circumstances challenge EC legislation before the court.

The relevant treaty provision (article 173) can only be construed as denying the parliament this right. However, this "procedural lacuna" did not prevent the court from ruling, in effect, that since — in its view — the parliament *needed* such a power, it should be *granted* it.

What is particularly disturbing about that judgment is that the court must have been aware that a European Commission proposal to give the parliament this very power had been rejected by the member states only five years before, at the last revision of the treaties.

It is no doubt going too far to accuse the European Court, as did a former prime minister of France, Michel Debré, of suffering from a *mégalomanie maladive*. Nevertheless, concern at the unorthodoxy of the court's approach cannot be dismissed merely as a slur on its integrity.

Perhaps, with the issue of European federalism high on the political agenda, those commentators who display such enthusiasm for criticism of our own judges should apply themselves with equal vigour to analysis of how the European Court performs its judicial function.

Yours faithfully,
GAVIN SMITH,
1 Mitre Court Buildings,
Temple, EC4.
October 9.

Debate for Maastricht

From Dr Alan Sked

Sir, One can sympathise with the call from Lord Harris of High Cross and others (October 7) for a "grand debate" on Europe. However, the truth which all these gentlemen will sooner or later have to face is that such a debate will not be allowed by the leaders and whips of the two major parties. They have no interest in one, since it would split both parties down the middle.

The government is particularly vulnerable, with Major, Lamont and Hurd all making concessions to the federalists. Their latest tactic apparently is to substitute a synonym for the word "federal" in the draft treaty, thereby placating their critics in the Conservative party.

I am now convinced that the only way to influence government policy is to threaten it with defeat at the next general election. This means that anti-federalist candidates will have to run against Conservative ones in seats (especially marginals) where federalism is likely to be the viewpoint of the prospective MP.

I therefore propose to chair a committee to establish an anti-federalist league, open to men and women of all parties and none, with the express object of running candidates against Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs who would vote for a Maastricht treaty, based on any draft yet presented. I appeal to all potential supporters to contact me at the address below.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN SKED,
Flat 3, Aberdeen Court,
68 Aberdeen Park, Highbury, N5.

From Mr Joseph de Courcy

Sir, "Must we not ensure that our North Atlantic and Commonwealth commitments remain of paramount importance?", ask Lord Harris and his 19 co-signatories.

Your readers might be interested to note, in this context, the content of article 5 of the Franco-Soviet bilateral treaty of October 29, 1990. According to this article both sides are called upon "to facilitate the development of co-operation in Europe, accompanied by *simplification of the bonds of solidarity between Europe and other regions and continents*" (my emphasis).

This curious provision seems to have a direct bearing on Britain which, after all, provides a great many of these bonds, most notably through the special relationship with America and the Commonwealth. France's commitment to work towards their "simplification" can be seen in the Luxembourg draft treaty for European political union, in which it is proposed that transatlantic relations, amongst other objectives, should become "a joint-action [EC] priority": in other words, no more Anglo-American special relationship.

If this is the sort of information that a grand debate on Europe will throw up I suspect that the British public will become justifiably alarmed at the course apparently being taken by the government.

Yours etc.,
JOSEPH de COURCY (Editor),
Intelligence Digest,
17 Rodney Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
October 7.

National lottery

From the Chairman of the Sports Council

Sir, Malcolm Hughes of Vernons Pools (October 11) suggests there is no basis for claims that a national lottery would generate significant additional income.

Independent research commissioned by the Sports Council and Arts Council (report, September 24) paints a very different picture. The representative sample of 2,000 adults across Great Britain identifies that much of the estimated £2 billion which could be raised would in fact be new money — only 5 per cent of those interviewed said they would change from the pools to the lottery.

The research shows that the greatest interest in a national lottery would be amongst social classes AB, who do not normally take part in football pools, and not from the lower income groups, as the managing director of Vernons believes.

The benefits that a national lottery could bring to sport and the arts are enormous. I am sure that the public are now ready to welcome its introduction.

Yours sincerely,
PETER YARRANTON, Chairman,
The Sports Council,
16 Upper Woburn Place, WC1.
October 11.

American studies

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London

Sir, The University of London wishes Oxford well in its endeavours to establish a centre for American studies. However, I write to correct the misapprehension that seems to be current in Oxford, and which is reiterated in Professor Howard Temperley's letter (October 8), that the University of London is engaged in the "dissolution" of its own "world famous Institute of United States Studies".

On the contrary this university continues to recognise the capital's unrivalled resources for the advanced study of the United States and we are discussing within the university, openly and realistically, the best way of preserving the institute's distinctive contribution. The outcome of those discussions will be made public before the end of the year.

Meanwhile be assured that American studies are alive, well and waiting to go forward here in the metropolis.

Yours faithfully,
STEWART R. SUTHERLAND,
Vice-Chancellor,
University of London,
Senate House,
Malet Street, WC1.
October 8.

Rugby rainbow

From Christian, Lady Hesketh

Sir, Until last Saturday one of the most elegant sights in sport was the England Rugby XV running onto the pitch in their pristine all-white strip. Not now.

Who, one might ask, is the tasteless vulgarian of an innovator who designed the teams' present gear, i.e., red, white and blue collars (is this a UK side?), coloured stripes on one sleeve and a ludicrous black patch on their shorts?

It is to be fervently hoped that Scotland, Ireland and Wales will not go the same way.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTIAN HESKETH,
Pomfret Lodge, Towcester,
Northamptonshire.
October 9.

Barber Institute

From Dr Kenneth Garlick

Sir, The Barber Institute of Fine Arts in the University of Birmingham has not been kept from the public gaze (Diary, September 23). The first Director, Professor Bodkin, was cautious about opening hours but be lectured regularly on the collections and welcomed visiting scholars.

His successor in the early 1950s, Sir Ellis Waterhouse, pursued an active acquisitions policy. There were regular lectures and visiting parties.

Professor Richard Verdi has taken up his appointment as Director at a time when the galleries have been closed for several years for comprehensive structural repairs. For him to say "I am trying to undo 50 years of damage" is unfair to his predecessors, Bodkin, Waterhouse and Professor Hamish Miles, who laid the foundations for the innovations he proposes to introduce.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH GARLICK,
Balliol College, Oxford.

Nigerian sting

From Mr Ronald E. Buxton

Sir, You reported yesterday (Business) that Scotland Yard are investigating some 100 cases of companies being caught by Nigerian fraudsters over the past few months.

As a recipient of a letter from these people, which was amateurish if not ludicrous and produced only a giggle from ourselves, I can only suggest that instead of looking in Nigeria, Scotland Yard or maybe a psychiatrist should investigate anyone who thought he could obtain 35 per cent of $25 million for nothing other than a few pieces of paper.

If this report is indicative of the management of British industry then heaven help us.

Yours,
RONALD E. BUXTON
(Managing Director),
Powder Products Ltd, Unit 29,
Trent Lane Industrial Estate,
Castle Donington, Derbyshire.
October 8.

Mythmatched

From Mrs Anne I. Grubb

Sir, I have just purchased from my local bookshop a copy of *The Greek Myths* by Robert Graves. It was in the section entitled "20th-century fiction". Is this part of the attempt to make the classics more accessible?

Yours faithfully,
ANNE I. GRUBB,
22 Hillside Road,
Southall, Middlesex.
October 8.

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Japanese festival

From Sir Peter Parker

Sir, Your leader of October 5, "Japan's mysteries", suggests that "Life in Japan is very different from the image given by consumer products that are perfectly tailored to a Western way of life. A more accurate portrayal is given by the current Japanese exhibition in Britain".

Up to this point, I am sure you are right — but you go on to say "itself planned and organised entirely by Japanese". I believe you were referring to the Japanese exhibition, Visions of Japan, at the Victoria & Albert Museum, not the Japan Festival 1991 as a whole.

The Victoria & Albert show, daring and successful as it has proved to be, was, as you say, designed by the Japanese. Its fascination derives from the reality of contemporary Japan. But the Japan Festival itself, which embraces 350 events in some 200 venues nationwide, is, in fact, a British initiative. Our colleagues in Japan, under the chairmanship of Mr Shoichi Saba, have provided magnificent support, but the planning and implementation of the nationwide festival remains in British hands.

Yours faithfully,
PETER PARKER (Chairman),
The Japan Festival 1991,
31 Sinclair Road, W14.
October 7.

Food for Russia

From Mr R. E. O. Mackay

Sir, Your leader ("Russia's promised land", October 2) brings into sharp focus the problems related to food production and distribution in Russia and it is quite correct that ideas, not food parcels, are what is required.

Where some assistance can be given must surely be on the question of land tenure. I am not convinced that selling the land to the peasants is the answer. In our post-war time of crisis, security of tenure was granted to farming tenants in 1948 by the Agricultural Holdings Act. This had developed out of several Acts of Parliament in the late 19th century culminating in the Agricultural Holdings Act of 1923 which gave a code for compensation to farmers at the end of their tenancies. Even today the provisions of the 1923 Act are still in use and have stood the test of time.

A similar code to govern tenancies in Russia could be the answer. It might be politically more acceptable than state sales and there is no guarantee even with such sales that rights of compulsory purchase would not be used in the future.

Yours faithfully,
RODERICK MACKAY,
Nuntoo Cottage, Nunton,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
October 2.

In search of socks

From Mrs Lesley Lewis

Sir, Has Mr Peter Saltis (October 7) thought, when emptying the washing machine, of looking for his missing socks inside the corners of duvet covers? He might find other items as well.

Yours faithfully,
LESLEY LEWIS,
38 Whitelands House,
Cheltenham Terrace, SW3.

From Mrs Jayne Burchell

Sir, I recommend "pairing" odd socks in threes, thus affording the wearer a choice. My daughter, an art student, finds no problem when presented with a red, green and grey "pair".

Yours faithfully,
JAYNE BURCHELL,
The Willows, North Weirs,
Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

From the Reverend Aubrey Moody

Sir, Speaking from experience, has Mr Sallis searched the dog basket?

Yours faithfully,
AUBREY MOODY,
Feering Vicarage,
Colchester, Essex.

From Mrs Anne Broxis

Sir, Odd socks make good polishers.

Yours sincerely,
ANNE BROXIS,
52 Ruffs Furze, Oakley, Bedford.

From Mr Jonathan Hawes

Sir, This correspondence has lasted long enough. Could we now put a sock in it?

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN HAWES,
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Knightsbridge, SW7.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 11: His Excellency Mr Salv J Stellini was received in audience by The Duke of York and The Prince Edward, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for Malta.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission: Mr Victor Sant (Counsellor), Mr Carmel Mifsud (First Secretary), Mr Victor Pace (First Secretary), Mr Cost Muscat (First Secretary), and Mr George Cuschieri (Second Secretary).

Their Royal Highnesses also received Mrs Stellini.

Sir David Gilmore (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 11: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief of The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) this evening attended the Annual Officers' Regimental Dinner at The Duke of York's Headquarters' Mess, Chelsea, London.

Captain Neil Blair, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of York this morning opened the National NEWPIN Conference "National NEWPIN — The Positive Partnership" at the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, London WC1.

Her Royal Highness, Patron of the Winchester Cathedral Trust, this evening attended a performance by the Pavilion Opera of *The Merry Widow* in the Great Hall, Winchester.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 11: The Prince Edward this morning visited the World Airline Entertainment Association exhibition at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra's concert "Murder, Mystery and Mayhem" in the Corn Exchange, Cambridge.

Mr Geoffrey Crawford was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 11: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this morning attended the finals of the National Match Racing Championship at Queen Mary Sailing Club, Ashford, Middlesex.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Corps of Signals, visited 5 Airborne Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron, Hankley Common, Elstead, Surrey.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 11: The Princess of Wales today visited Edinburgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness visited Ethicon Limited, Bankhead Avenue, Edinburgh.

Subsequently The Princess of Wales, President, Barnardo's, attended the Annual Conference at MacRobert Pavilion, Edinburgh Exhibition and Trade Centre.

Finally Her Royal Highness visited Milestone House, 113 Oxgangs Road North, Edinburgh.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 11: Princess Alexandra this evening attended the Royal British Legion Poppy Ball at the Inter-Continental Hotel, London W1.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Birthdays

TODAY: Lady (Helen) Brook, founder, Brook Advisory Centre for Young People, 84; Professor Juliet Cheetham, sociologist, 52; Dame Elizabeth Chesterton, architect and town planner, 76; Mr Jaroslav Drobny, tennis player, 70; Mr Kenneth Griffith, actor, writer and documentary film-maker, 70; Mr Robert Heron, former director, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, 64; Mr Alan Lamboll, former City of London Sheriff and Alderman, 68; Sir Michael McNair-Wilson, MP, 61; Mr Magnus Magnusson, broadcaster, 62; Dr John Moffatt, provost, The Queen's College, Oxford, 69; Mr Rick Parfitt, rock singer and guitarist, 43; Vice-Admiral Sir John Parker, 76; Mr Luciano Pavarotti, tenor, 56; Miss Angela Rippon, broadcaster, 47; Sir Archibald Ross, diplomat, 80; Mr Michael Verey, merchant banker, 79.

TOMORROW: Air Vice-Marshal John Allen-Jones, 82; Lord Justice Bingham, 58; Mrs Edwina Currie, MP, 45; Sir Denis Forman, former deputy chairman, Granada Group, 74; Sir Leslie Fowden, agricultural scientist, 66; Mr Roger Gibbs, chairman, Wellcome Trust, 57; Rear-Admiral John Grant, 83; Mr Justice Hutchison, 58; Mr John Mattias, jockey, 38; Mr J.M. Menzies, chairman, John Menzies, 65; M Yves Montand, actor, 70; Dame Sbelagh Roberts, former MEP, 67; Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier, 76; Mr Paul Simon, singer and songwriter, 50; Miss Rosemary Sisson, writer, 68; Mrs Margaret Thatcher, OM, MP, 66.

Memorial service

Mr and Mrs Mark Cheverton
A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Mr and Mrs Mark Cheverton was held yesterday at the Church of St Paul and St George, Edinburgh. The Rev Roger Simpson officiated. Dr David Pullinger and Dr Bob Mash read the lessons.

Mr Richard Demarco, Mr Laurence Ellis, Rector of The Edinburgh Academy, and the Bishop of Edinburgh gave addresses.

Appointments

Legal
Master Michael Norman Devonshire to be a Circuit Judge assigned to the South Eastern circuit.

Army
Principal Nursing Officer J. Titley to be Director of Defence Nursing Services.

Lord Macfarlane

The life barony conferred upon Sir Norman Somerville Macfarlane has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Macfarlane of Bearsden**, of Bearsden in the District of Bearsden and Milngavie.

University news

Oxford
Selwyn College
Elected to a fellowship: F.M.R. Knight.

Kent
Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following on November 30:

DD: The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey.
DMus: Ms Jane Dudley, Principal of the London Contemporary Dance School.
MA: Mr Brian H. Arnold, chairman, H. & W. Arnold (Farms), Kent.

Polytechnic results

A. Powell received a first class LLB Honours degree in Business Law at Coventry Polytechnic. H J Turrell received a first class Honours degree in Business Studies at Birmingham Polytechnic.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Princess of Wales will attend the Wales v Australia Rugby World Cup match at Cardiff Arms Park at 2.45.
Prince Edward will attend the World Airline Entertainment Association's dinner at Grosvenor House at 7.45.
The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Butler Trust, will visit HMYOI Dumfries at 9.25; and, as Patron of the Scottish Rugby Union, will attend the Scotland v Ireland Rugby World Cup match at Murrayfield at 1.15.
Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will attend the Nutcracker ball at Kingston Grove, Kingston Blount, Oxfordshire, at 8.00.
Princess Alexandra will attend a Royal Yeomanry reception at 1 Elverton Street, SW1, at 6.00.

TOMORROW: The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a charity performance of *Come for the Ride* at the Theatre Royal, Bristol, at 7.15.

Dinners

Millbrook Challenge
Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, First Sea Lord, and Mr Alan Curtis were hosts at the Millbrook Challenge charity dinner held last night at RAF Bentley Priory in aid of the King George's Fund for Sailors, the Airborne Initiative and CORDA. Among the guests were: Sir Christopher Thompson, Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin and Dr Malcolm McIntosh.

Plymouth Law Society
The Lord Lieutenant of Devon attended the annual dinner of the Plymouth Law Society held last night at the Moat House, Plymouth. Mr Jonathan Trafford, president, presided. Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, and Mr Philip Ely, President of the Law Society, also spoke.

Incorporation of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen
The Mayor of Exeter and Mr Patrick Nicholls, MP, were the guests of honour and speakers at a dinner given by Mr M.J. Commins, Master of the Incorporation of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen, and the Wardens and Court of Assistants last night at Tuckers Hall, Exeter. The Master presided.

Service dinner

The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment
The annual officers' dinner of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) was held last night at the School of Infantry, Warminster. Brigadier W.A. Mackereth, Colonel of the Regiment, presided. The Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, the Mayor of Thamesdown and Major Alison Sharp were guests.

Old Worksopian Society

The Centenary of Worksop College is in 1995 and the Old Worksopian Society needs to update its records. Will OW's who feel that their addresses on record at the College are incorrect or missing, please send details to OW Secretary, Worksop College, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 3AP.

Feltmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Feltmakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr W.P. Wright; Upper Warden, Mr B.D.S. Burgess; Renter Warden, Mr G.R.D. Farr; Third Warden, Mr D.G.E. Hilton; Fourth Warden, Captain P. Cobb, RN.

OBITUARIES

PÍO CABANILLAS

Pío Cabanillas Gallas, Spanish cabinet minister in both Franco and post-Franco governments, died of a coronary attack in Madrid on October 10 aged 67. He was born in Pontevedra in north-west Spain, on November 13, 1923.

PÍO Cabanillas played a key role in Spain's transition from dictatorship to democracy and was a member of the European Parliament from 1986 until his death. He was a relatively liberal minister of information under General Franco from 1973 to 1974 and, nine months after his dismissal, made a speech which was seen as a first step towards the formation of a centre-right liberal political party once political parties became legal in Spain. For good measure he made an open appeal to the Generalissimo to resign and to relinquish all his powers.

Fellow Spanish politicians called Pío Cabanillas Gallas "the cork" because, no matter how furious the political storm, he always managed to surface intact. That is not to say, that this good-natured, brilliant member of the European parliament had an uneventful passage through life. Born into a family of intellectual republicans and influenced by an uncle who headed the faculty of sciences at the University of Granada, Pío Cabanillas studied law at that university, where he stood consistently at the head of his class, and went on to a career of predominantly public service.

In 1960, as chief of legal services in Franco's obligatory state-run trade unions, he engaged in an almost futile effort to increase the workers' share in the control of the vertically structured unions. In 1962, when the Franco appointed a cabinet of technocrats for the first time, Manuel Fraga Iribarne became minister of information and tourism, and he took Cabanillas, a fellow Galician, aboard as an under-secretary of the ministry. In that post Pío was largely responsible for drafting what was to become the 1966 press law, a much criticized piece of legislation which nevertheless removed some of the shackles on the media. In 1969, when Manuel Fraga lost his ministry in a cabinet shake-up which favoured arch-conservatives and members of *Opus Dei*, Cabanillas also lost his post. He then dedicated himself to private business and later became chairman of the board of the state-run tobacco monopoly, Tabacalera.

Following the assassination by Basque extremists of Franco's most trusted aide, Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco, at the end of 1973, Pío Cabanillas was offered the ministry of information and tourism. His stay there was brief. Francoist diehards saw in him a dangerous reformer who let the press say and show too much. A published photograph of a topless women and a picture of the minister himself waving a cap which symbolised Catalan home-rule ambitions angered the Caudillo. An unidentified political enemy reportedly presented the aging Spanish ruler with a scrapbook of newspaper and magazine cuttings of scantily clad women. Never matter, as it turned out, that most of the photos had actually appeared in publications abroad, rather than in Spain; the minister was sacked forthwith.

At that time, Peridis, then as now one of Spain's leading cartoonists, had been depicting Cabanillas as a bird, in reference to his Christian name, which sounds in Spanish like a chirp. A historic panel sketched by Peridis for the Madrid evening newspaper *Informaciones*, but which was barred from publication, showed the bird with its mouth tied shut and bore the legend, "Ni Pío" — "Not even a peep."

The resilient Galician made his comeback after Franco's death. Adolfo Suárez, winner of the first post-Franco general elections, named him minister of culture in 1977. In 1980, Suárez moved him to the post of minister without portfolio. Following Suárez' resignation in 1981, the next prime minister, Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, appointed Pío Cabanillas minister of administration, and subsequently switched him to head the justice ministry. Pío's ministerial career ended in 1982, when the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) came to power.

Shortly before that, in an attempt at a congress in Mallorca to keep Suárez' badly splintered Center Democratic Union (UCD) from disintegrating, Cabanillas uttered one of his most often remembered ironic phrases: "Whoever we are, we're going to win."

A principal co-founder of what is today the major opposition, the Popular Party (PP), Pío Cabanillas became a member of the European Parliament in 1986 for Popular Coalition (CP), remaining a Euro-deputy until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Teresa Alonso Garcia de Cabanillas, and one son, Pío Gonzalo Cabanillas Alonso.

GEORGE RAY

George Frank Ray, industrial economist, died in London on September 28 aged 75. He was born in Budapest on December 12, 1915.

THE sudden death of George Ray deprives the economic profession of one of its most diligent practitioners, whose patient studies revealed much about the diffusion of industrial technologies between companies and industries. Using his statistical and linguistic skills, he carved out a niche, which other, more flamboyant economists found unfashionable. His approach was severely practical, preferring fact-finding to theorising. His main contributions included the study of industrial innovation and the diffusion of new technological processes. He published a large number of papers on the subject, sometimes as co-author. He also did much to improve our understanding of energy economics and explored a number of issues concerning trade and industrial structure.

When Ray (Rejtö as he then was) arrived in Britain in 1957 in the aftermath of the suppressed Hungarian revolution of 1956, he left behind the first half of his life. In Hungary he had had ample experience of anti-semitism and political discrimination.

After graduating from the Budapest Commercial Academy he had a number of jobs in the chemical, coal and brick industries. Most of the war years were spent in the forced labour camps or in hospital after a debilitating injury. He and his family were very fortunate to survive the Hungarian fascist regime.

The post war years turned sour during the increasingly totalitarian climate of the Rakosi regime of the early 1950s. His career was cut short during the nationalisation of the country's industry and he was shifted to the administrative backwater of the Budapest Central Statistical Office.

The ascending phase of his professional life began in 1957, when, soon after arriving in England, he joined — on a temporary assignment — the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. He remained with the NIESR until his death, first as a senior research fellow and, after his official retirement, as a consultant. In 1986 he was appointed a governor of the institute.

Ray's gentle persistence, charm and professional competence earned him many friends among the economic forecasting community of Europe. He served as president of the Association d'Instituts Europeens de Conjoncture Economique, for six years and collaborated on a number of joint research projects across the Continent. He was a visiting professor of Surrey University from the mid-1970s.

He kept in touch with the economic developments of the county of his birth. From the early days of economic reform in 1968, he offered advice to a number of Hungarian economic research organisations and participated in many conferences which were held behind what was still regarded as the Iron Curtain. He did more than welcome the end of communist ideology and the return of democracy in 1989; he grasped the fresh opportunities to research the economies of Eastern Europe. Shortly before his death he completed a study on the diffusion of technology in former communist bloc, which will be published in the forthcoming issue of the NIESR Economic Review, a publication which he helped to mould from its inception.

BRYAN MARSHALL

Bryan Marshall, Irish jockey and trainer, died in Reading on October 9 aged 75. He was born in Cloughjordan, Tipperary, on February 29, 1916.

BRYAN Marshall was the most accomplished and polished steeplechase jockey of the decade following the end of the war. Having been champion jockey with 66 winners in the season of 1947/8, he won the Grand National on Early Mist in 1953, and again on Royal Tan in 1954.

Marshall, the son of an international show jumper, was apprenticed to Atty Persse, at Stockbridge in Hampshire. He rode his first winner on the flat at the age of 13 in 1929, and then spent five years with Hubert Hartigan in Ireland before moving to Penrith, where Noel Murless was assistant trainer. When Murless opened his own stable at Hambleton, in Yorkshire, Marshall went with him, and rode his governor's first jumping winner Intelligent Outlook in a hurdle race worth just £70 at Carlisle in December 1935. As well as riding and schooling the jumpers, he also drove the horse-box at that stage of his career.

Marshall joined the cavalry in January 1940 and was commissioned into the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards the following year. In 1946 he was demobilised with the rank of Captain.

On resuming riding, Marshall obtained his first notable success on Leap Man, trained by Fulke Walwyn at Lambourn, in the Cathcart Challenge Cup at Cheltenham's National Hunt Meeting in March 1946. That winner paved the way to his becoming stable jockey to Walwyn, for whom he won the King George VI chase on A.G. Boley's Rowland Roy at Kempton Park in 1947. In the September of the following year Marshall performed the remarkable feat of riding at a Folkestone meeting the first five winners for Walwyn's stable — Langis Son, Loyal King, Endless, Jack Tatters and Legal Joy. All five belonged to the high betting Dorothy Paget, who could only say that she was disappointed that he was beaten into second place on her sixth runner, Loyal Monarch, in the last race.

Miss Paget was Fulke Walwyn's most important owner in those days. Unfortunately it was on her favourite horse, Lanveoc Poulmic, that Marshall rode one of his very few bad races. After jumping the last flight of hurdles well clear on Lanveoc Poulmic, who had been very heavily backed by the owner, at Sandown Park in November 1951, Marshall eased the horse with the result that he was caught close home, and beaten by half a length. He never wore Miss Paget's again, but continued to ride the horses trained by Walwyn for other owners.

An owner with whom Marshall was a great deal more happily associated was the Queen, now the Queen Mother. In the middle of December 1950 he won on her horse Manicou at Sandown Park. A fortnight later he obtained a most appropriate success on the same horse in the King George VI chase. Marshall also rode the Queen Mother's ill-fated horse Devon Loch, who was later to fall on the run in with the Grand National at his mercy, in his early days, winning on him at Hurst Park and Sandown Park in the season of 1954/5. At Hurst Park he caused much amusement as he mumbled almost incoherently while receiving the Royal congratulations, because he had forgotten to replace his false teeth, removed during the race for reasons of safety.

Both the Grand National winners ridden by Bryan Marshall, Early Mist and Royal Tan, were trained in Ireland by Vincent O'Brien, for whom he won many other races in England during that era. On Early Mist he won very easily in 1953, beating Miss Paget's Mont Tremblant by 20 lengths. By way of contrast he had to use all his strength to enable Royal Tan to win a hard fought duel with Tudor Line by a neck 12 months later.

At the end of that season of 1953/4 Bryan Marshall retired from riding on account of having suffered many injuries through falls — his false teeth

were a legacy of one of them. The hallmarks of his jockeyship had been the skill with which he presented his mounts at a fence to give them every chance of jumping cleanly, and a predilection for a position on the inside rail to save ground.

Bryan Marshall trained for a while at Berkeley House, Upper Lambourn, and subsequently for Major-General Sir Cecil Blacker, Mrs R Henriques and other owners at Wyld Court, Hampstead Norris. Although he had a number of useful horses in his stable, such as Regal Arch, he did not enjoy success comparable to that which he had in the saddle. He closed his stable in June 1973 to run a horse transport business.

PETER HEYWORTH

Joan Goldsbrough writes:

MAY I, as the one who has typed Peter Heyworth's biography of Otto Klemperer and has consequently shed many of the tears mentioned in your excellent obituary (October 4), add a short footnote. Peter was, I am sure, only too aware that his time was running out, but he was determined to write as much of the second volume as he possibly could. We had, in fact, already started work on the final chapter, and I have no doubt that Volume Two can and will be published in due course.

Weekend anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Edward VI, reigned 1547-53, London, 1537; Ramsay MacDonald, prime minister 1924, 1929-31, 1931-35, Lossiemouth, Grampian, 1866; Ralph Vaughan Williams, composer, Ampney, Gloucestershire, 1872.

DEATHS: Pietro della Francesca, painter, Sansepolero, Italy, 1492; Elizabeth Fry, Quaker, prison reformer, Ramsgate, 1845; Robert Stephenson, civil engineer, London, 1859; Robert E. Lee, Confederate c-in-c, Lexington, Virginia, 1870; Francois Guizot, statesman, Val Richer, France, 1874; Anatole France, writer, Nobel laureate 1921, Saint Cyr-sur-Loire, 1924; Tom Mix, film actor, 1940; Sonja Henie, world skating champion and film actress, 1969.

Christopher Columbus discovered the New World, landing on Guanahani (San Salvador), 1492. The Boer War began, 1899. Edith Cavell, nurse, was executed by the Germans for helping Allied prisoners to escape, Brussels, 1915.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Richard Boyle, 1st Earl of Cork, statesman, Canterbury, 1566; Will Brockendon, writer, painter and inventor, Totnes, Devon, 1787; Lillie Langtry, actress, Jersey, 1853.

DEATHS: Sir Isaac Brock, soldier, the "Hero of Upper Canada", killed in battle, Queenstown, 1812; Joachim Murat, soldier, king of Naples, self-styled Joachim Napoleon, executed, Pizzo, Italy, 1815; Canova, sculptor, Venice, 1822; Sir Henry Irving, actor, Bradford, 1905; Saul Tchernichowsky, Hebrew poet, Jerusalem, 1943; Sidney Webb, Baron Passfield, co-founder of the London School of Economics, Liphook, Hampshire, 1947.

Bankruptcy brings a bargain

Father and son: Johann the Steadfast and Johann Friedrich depicted by Cranach

A SWEDISH industrialist's bad fortune has provided an unexpected stroke of luck for the National Gallery, enabling it to buy at a bargain price an important 16th century painting the gallery thought it had lost at auction (Simon Tait writes).

Lucas Cranach the Elder's portrait diptych of Johann the Steadfast, Elector of Saxony, and his son Johann Friedrich the Magnanimous was sold at Christie's in July 1990 for £4.9 million. The gallery had wanted to acquire it, but the price was beyond its purchase grant.

Earlier this year, however, the buyer went bankrupt and Christie's was asked to resell the diptych for his creditors. Instead, the auctioneers approached Neil MacGregor, director of the gallery, and an arrangement was made with the creditors whereby the paintings join the collection for £4.3 million paid over three years. Christie's has waived a fee for acting as go-between.

"This has been the most marvellous piece of serendipity," Mr MacGregor said yesterday. "Cranach comes only behind Holbein and Dürer in the panoply of Renaissance painters, and these pictures from his early career as a portraitist complete our Cranach holding."

The pictures go on show in the new gallery of 16th century German art, which opened last week with an unexplained gap in the display. "We only knew we were going to be able to get the pictures two weeks ago, so at the last minute we can both fill a gap in the collection and a gap in the gallery," Mr McGregor said.

Cranach was court artist to the Elector of Saxony and painted the portraits in 1509.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.C. Balls and Miss C.F. Graham-Watson
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs Derek Balls, of Loughton, Essex, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Graham-Watson, of Aldosa, Andorra.

Mr J.D. Dewar and Miss J.F.S. Hall
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr R.J. Dewar, CMG, CBE, and Mrs Dewar, of Crieff, Perthshire, and Julia, daughter of the late Mr M.H.S. Hall, MBE, and of Mrs A.B. Hall, of Loughton, Essex.

Mr S. Digby and Miss D.J. Norman
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Dr and Mrs L. Dillon Digby, of Dundrum, Ireland, and Deborah June, youngest daughter of the Hon Denis and Mrs Norman, of Norton, Zimbabwe.

Mr M. Jacobs and Miss T-K.M. Rainham
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.G. Jacobs, of Hastings, New Zealand, and Theresa-Kimberly Maree, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.A. Rainham, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr C.G. Johnston and Señorita C. Mejia
The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Captain and Mrs J.R.C. Johnston, of Affpuddle, Dorset, and Claudia, eldest daughter of Dr and Señora Mejia, of Bogota, Colombia.

Mr S.J. Lyon and Miss J.A. McSherry
The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B.S. Lyons, of Harrow, Middlesex, and Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. McSherry, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr C.B.D. Lavy and Dr V.R. Thexton
Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs G.A.D. Lavy, and Vicky, daughter of the Rev C.S. and Dr Thexton, are pleased to announce that they will be married.

Mr M.E. Prud'homme and Miss H.C.J. Weedon
The engagement is announced between Michael, second son of Dr and Mrs T. Prud'homme, of Overlook Drive, Austin, Texas, United States of America, and Heather, daughter of Dr and Mrs C.J. Weedon, of Thornfields, Burton in Lonsdale, North Yorkshire.

Mr J.H. Thomson and Miss J. Timms
The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, son of Mr and Mrs P.H. Thomson, of Nassau, Bahamas, and Julie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L.V.J. Timms, of Horsham, West Sussex.

Marriages

Mr R.W. Griffiths and Miss B.E. Cohen
The marriage took place on Sunday, September 22, 1991, in New York, between Mr Richard William Griffiths, of London, and Miss Barbara Elizabeth Cohen, of New York.

Mr H.M.G. McAlister and Miss H.P. Beswick
The marriage took place in London, on Thursday, October 10, 1991, between Mr Hugh Michael Grant McAlister, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter McAlister, of Leicestershire, and Miss Hazel Pamela Beswick, daughter of Mr Michael Beswick and Mrs Chrystal Roper, of Northumberland.

Mr C. Wood and Miss D.S. Perry
Christopher Wood and Donna Perry were married quietly at the Grand Canyon, USA, on October 2.

Church services tomorrow

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch (Our Lady Undercroft); 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Bennett), I sat down under his shadow (Bairstow), Rev E R Turner; 3.15 Canterbury Festival E, Responses (Rose), Collegium Regale (Taverner), Lord, with what care (Rubbra), And I saw a new heaven (Bainton); 6.30 Organ Recital.
YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Leighton), Canon R Metcalfe; 11.30 M, Responses (Moore), Lords Prayer (*Duruflé*), Noble in B minor; 4 E, Gloucester Service (Howells), Bring us, O Lord God (Harris), Rev Canon Cockerton.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Morley), Te Deum (Leighton), Britten in E flat, Rev C Hill; 11.30 HC, Mass (Stravinsky), Ave verum corpus (Byrd); 3.15 E, Blair in B minor, How lovely is thy dwelling place (Brahms), Rt Rev J Klyberg.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Byrd Responses, Howells Te Deum (Collegium Regale), Behold the Tabernacle (Harris) Rev Dr A Harvey; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Rev Dr A Harvey; 3 E, Howells in B minor, Blessed city (Bairstow), Justorum animae (Stanford) Rev R Chartres; 5.45 Trumpet & Organ Recital (Mark & Richard Hammond); 6.30 ES, Rev Dr D Gray.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Jackson in G, Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons), O sacrum convivium (Croce), Rev S Knowers; 6 E, Magdalen Service (Leighton), Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner), Canon P Penwarden.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 Mass; 10.30 SM, Mass for five voices (Berkeley), Jubilate Deo (Gabrieli), O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), Flourish (Grier); 2.30 Organ Recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat septimi toni (Victoria), Beati quorum via (Stanford), Reveris (Grier).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6 LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's) & 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Mass (Byrd with Gloria), Ave verum (Mozart), Fr M Jones; 11.30 Catenians Mass.
GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: *10.30 Divine Liturgy.*
SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W1: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, I was glad (Parry), Ven E J O Ward.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum (Stanford in B flat), Achieved is the glorious work (Haydn), Rev R Lancaster; 12.30 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, Veni sancte spiritus (Hurley), Veni sancte spiritus (Dunstable), The Chaplain.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Every day will I give thanks (Thalben Ball), Te Deum, Expectans expectavi (Wood), Rev K Joyce; 12 HC.
GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC, Canon E James.
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP & Sermon, O Thou the central orb (Wood), Rev FVA Boyse.
TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Morley), Britten in C, Jubilate (Chant), Sing Joyfully (J Mundy).
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 MP, Rev O S Mackenzie; 12.15 HC.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Farrant in A minor, The true glory (Aston); 3.30 E, O Trinity (Turner), Stanford in C, Hail gladdening light (Wood).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev I C Thurston.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart), Sicut cervus (Palestrina), The Vicar; 6 E & B, St Paul's Service (Howells), O pray for the peace of Jerusalem), Rev J A Younger.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Preb R Bewes; 6.30 Rev I Bentley.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 8 & 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Rev J H L Cross; 6 E, Mr O Royce.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev S Acland.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family & HC; Rev J A K Millar; 6.30 Informal ES, Rev J A K Millar.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 Choral MP, Rev Dr M Israel.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 S Euch, Sumsion & Harris (Choir of Hill House School), Rev K Yates.
ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Orgelsolomesse (Mozart), Sister M Sillies; 6.30 LM.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Gibbons Second Service, Purcell in C, A new commandment (Sheppard), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Byrd), Byrd Second Service, Litaniae Lauretanae (Mozart), Canon J Oates.
ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens, SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), View me, Lord, a work of thine (Lloyd), Rev J Vine.
ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch, Fr M Day; 6.30 EP, Fr M Day.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), A, sing joyfully (Byrd), Mozart in C, The Rector.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev P Faunch; 6.30 EP, Rev O Taylor.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 & 10.30 HC, Rev O Williams; 6.30 EP, Rev P Watson.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Quaeramus cum Pastoribus, Morales; I waited patiently, Thiman; the Rev O Buckle; 6 E Humphrey in F; I will lift up mine eyes, Howells; the Vicar.
ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 10 Parish C, Rev Canon T Birchard; 6.30 ES, Rev O Ross.
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Mass; 11 SM, Fr O Bright; 6 V&B.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Caesar), Salve Regina (Poulenc), Rev A Walker.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC, 10.30 MP & HC, *Whitlock in G*, Locus iste (Bruckner), Rev O Watson; 6.30 E, Like as the hart (Howells), Rev N Vigers.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 S Euch & Holy Baptism, Ley in E minor, O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), Rev J Humble.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: No services until further notice.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Collegium Regale (Howells), Jesu, dulcis in memoriam (Shephard), Rev M Henwood; 11.30 Visitor to London Service, Rev J Pridmore; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev G Lee; 5 Choral E, Responses (Byrd), Brewer in D, Give us the wings of faith (Bullock); 6.30 ES, Rev M Henwood.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8 & 12.30 HC, The Vicar; 9.30 Parish Euch, The Vicar; 11.15 M, The Vicar; 6.30 Choral E, Rev F Galli.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis in C (Mozart), Iste confessor (Monteverdi), Gloriose confessor (Guerrero), Transports de joie (Messiaen), Fr *N Kavanagh*; 6 Solemn E & B.
ST MARY'S, Primrose Hill, NW3: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch; 6 E, Rev F Stephens.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart), Laudate Dominum (Mozart), The Rector; 6.30 EP.
ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion, Rev E Thompson.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 & 11 HC, Rev D C L Prior.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M, O clap your hands (Vaughan Williams), Responses (Rose), Alcock in B flat, Ye boundless realms of joy (Handel), Rev D B Evans; 12 HC.
ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family HC; 6.30 Informal Service.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Communion Service in D (Howells), Come ye thankful people come (Stanford), All things bright and beautiful (Rutter), Rt Rev J Klyberg, Bishop of Fulham.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Missa Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina), Beati quorum via (Stanford), Fr O Tillyer.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, O where shall wisdom be found? (Boyce), Rev G James; E 6.30, Rev G James.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Messe ohne Gloria und Credo (Bruckner), Locus iste (Bruckner), Afferentur regi (Bruckner); 6 Solemn E&B, Fr N Cocking.
ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass, Rev R Avent.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev W A Cairns; 6.30 Rev S Donleavy.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, *Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, Rev Hector G Rose;* 3.30, London Scottish Bowlers' Service; 6.30 Mr M Kinnear.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa in honorem St Joseph (Pesteru), Cantate Domino (Monteverdi), O bone Jesu (Dering).
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Missa Ut Re Mi Fa Sol La (Morales), O Quam Suavis (Byrd).
CHURCH OF OUR MOST HOLY REDEEMER, Cheyne Row, SW3: 10, 11, 12.15 & 6.30, Fr P Nolan.
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Caca (Morales), Ave Maria (Vittoria), Tota pulchra es Maria (Lambert).
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Mass in G (Schubert), Ave Maria (Palestrina), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Maria mater gratiae (Fauré).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass, Mass in D (Kitson), Locus iste (Bruckner), Postlude in D (Smart).
ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 MM, Missa Quinti Toni (Lassus), Si Ambulem in Medio (Tye), O Sacrum Convivium (Palestrina), 12.15, 6.30.
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 6.30 LM (Sat); 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM (Latin).
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship; Rev R Allison.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30 Rev Elmer & Jean Darnall.
CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 & 6 Mr A Gilliver.
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev P Hoar; 6.30 Rev D Cruise.
KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9 Communion, 11 Celebration, 2.30 Communion, 6.30 Communion; 9 Late on Sunday.
KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 & *6.30 Rev P Lovell.*
REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11, Rev Dr R Scopes; 6.30 Mrs P Crawshaw.
ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Very Rev R J Patkai; 7 Choral Vespers, Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Voluntary in C minor, Rev V F Frazier.
ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, Lords Roundabout, NW8: 11 MS, Rev A McLellan.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev G Barritt.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, *Guideposts* (Mental Health), Rev Dr R J Tudor & Kenneth Kendall; 6.30 Rev D R J Tudor.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martin's Lane, WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Church news

Clergy appointments

The Rev Ian R Bentley, Director of Training (Curate), All Souls, Langham Place (London): to be the incumbent, Eynsham and Cassington (Oxford).
The Rev Canon Edward J Burns, Vicar, Christ Church, Fulwood, Preston: to be Vicar, Euxton (Blackburn).
The Rev Jonathan O Clark, Curate, Stanwix (Carlisle): *to be Anglican Chaplain,* Bristol University (Bristol).
The Rev Charles P Cook, Vicar, St Andrew, Cheadle Hulme: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral (Chester).
The Rev Benjamin Fienley, Curate, Eastleigh: to be Vicar, Micheldever and East Stratton and Woodmancote w Popham (Winchester).
The Rev Allan Goode, Assistant Curate, St Aidan, Billinge: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mark, Scarisbrick (Liverpool).
The Rev James J Gill, Vicar, St Luke, Sharlston (Wakefield): to be the incumbent, Tilehurst St George (Oxford).
The Rev Paul W C Holt, Priest-in-charge, St George's, Badshot Lea (Guildford): to be Priest-in-charge, Little Marlow w Flackwell Heath (Oxford).
The Rev Andrew McPherson, Curate, Bitterne: to be Vicar, Weston (Winchester).
The Rev Robin E Morris, Rector, St Peter, Heswall: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral (Chester).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

PIRNIE
(b) A conical woollen nightcap, usually striped in different colours, from the odd participle *pirn* striped: "Doon to the Leap I'll aften rin,/Richt glad to hear my pirnie spin."

LEKYTHOS
(b) A Greek vase or flask with a narrow neck: "A vase produced specially for funeral *purposes* was the lekythos, the body of which was painted with white slip, then painted in polychrome with subjects of singular appropriateness."

DIAPIR
(b) An anticlinal fold in which overlying rocks are pierced by a mobile rock core, from the Greek *diapeirainein* to pierce: "In Rumania the salt, forced upward by orogenic pressure, has penetrated the sediments at the crest of the anticlines to form diapir folds."

CAATINGA
(a) In Brazil, a forest consisting of thorny shrubs, from the Tupi *caa* forest + *tinga* white: "The caatinga repulses him with its thorns and prickly leaves, its twigs sharp as lances."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Spielmann — Walter, Teplitz 1928. Can you see white's brilliant winning move?

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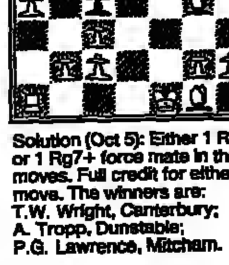

Solution (Oct 5): Either 1 Rh8+ or 1 Rg7+ force mate in three moves. Full credit for either move. The winners are:
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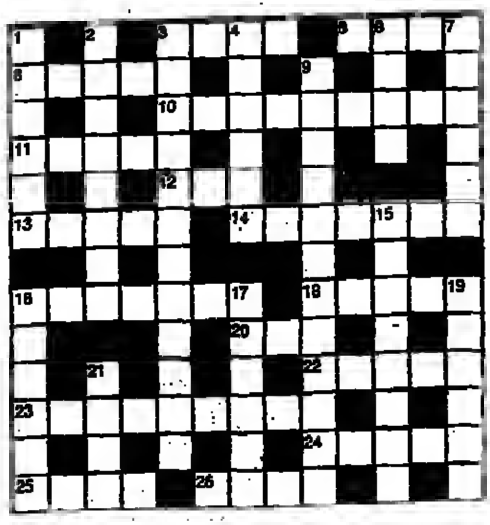

ACROSS
3 Strip (4)
5 Affectedly proper (4)
8 Stink (5)
10 Mistaken (3)
11 Dutch flower (5)
12 English tree (3)
13 Wants (5)
14 Difficult (7)
16 Fast train (7)
18 Consumer (5)
20 French water (3)
22 Quick (5)
23 Numberless (9)
24 Master of ceremonies (5)
25 Domicile (4)
26 Antlered animal (4)

DOWN
1 Gateway (6)
2 Standard paper (8)
3 Ridiculous (12)
4 Archimedes shout (6)
6 Mob disturbance (4)
7 Covered (6)
9 Yield (7,5)
15 Clever device (8)
16 Sufficient (6)
17 Foam (6)
19 Matched sound (6)
21 Swindle (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 2609

ACROSS: 1 Canvas 5 Sober 8 Top 9 Hoaxer 10 Radius 11 Best 12 Dogfight 14 Demons 15 Recent 16 Irish jig 18 Bore 19 Salaam 21 Outlaw 22 Man 23 Holly 24 Strays

DOWN: 2 Above reproach 3 Vexatious 4 Strides 5 Sprog 6 Bud 7 Rough and ready 13 Incubator 15 Regions 17 Jammy 20 Ant

Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life will gain it. St Luke 17:33 REB

BIRTHS

ARNOLD - On October 6th, to Sarah *(née Webb)* and Simon, a son, William George Gray.

BRETT - On September 30th, to Karen and Adam, a daughter Ann Caroline Frances, a sister for Elinor and Claire.

BUSBERS - On September 16th, to Sharon (née Whiley) *and John*, a son, James Nicholas.

COLLIER - On October 6th, to Bronwen Gale (née Mali) and Andrew, a daughter, Eirwen.

DAVIS - On October 10th, to Barbara (née Green) and Chris, a daughter, Imogen Eleanor, a sister for Lydia.

GLEADOWE - On October 5th, to Helen *(née Burns)* and John, a son, Frederick Joseph Yorke.

HUTLEY - On *September 27th* to Viveka (née Arhén) and Robert, a daughter, Matilda.

MALLOWS - On September 29th at The Portland Hospital; to Nicola (née Gresswell) and Nigel, a daughter, *Laura Rose* Maude.

MARRIS - On October 9th, in Houston, Texas, to Arthur and Anna (née Wawryn), a son, Luke Christopher.

MERCHANT - On October *9th, to Helen and Piers*, a son, brother for Alethea.

PARKER - On September 29th, to Robert and Carolyn (née Phillips), a daughter, Louisa Jane, a sister for Claire Rebecca.

PATERSON - *On October 8th*, to Alison (née Newsome) and Richard, a daughter, Amelia Bridget, a sister for Lucy.

RAE - On October 9th, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Toni (née Finlay) and Peter, a daughter, Nicola Anne Louise, a sister for Laura Jane.

REA - On October 8th, to Rebecca (née Llewelyn-Davies) and Daniel Rea, a son, William.

SCHNELLMANN - On October 6th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Lisa and Richard, a daughter, Elizabeth Louise.

SELIGMAN - see Turton.

SHEPHERD-CROSS - On October 8th, to Rose (née Mather) and David, a son, a brother for Max.

TRIMMER - On October 10th, in *The Hague*, to Sarah (née Thomas) and Paul, a son, Jonathan Charles, a brother for James and Amanda.

TURTON - On October 4th, to Olivia and Julian, a son, Jocelyn, A brother for Amy and Otto, always remembering Gabriella.

WHITE - On October 6th 1991, at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to Miranda (née Bazin) and Richard, a son, James Christopher.

WINEARLS - On October 3rd 1991, to Beryl and Christopher, a son, Robert Frederick Good.

WRIGHT - On October 9th, to Shirley (née Hodges) and *John*, a *daughter*, Katie Emma Louise, a sister for Andrew.

DEATHS

BENSON-YOUNG - On October 10th 1991, in Sydney, Australia, Jock, much loved father and grandfather and dear brother of Patricia and Jean.

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DEATHS

AITKEN - On October 9th 1991, Frances Katherine, aged 88 years, of *Harbledown*, Canterbury. Funeral Service in the Crypt, Canterbury Cathedral, Thursday October 17th at 2pm, followed by cremation at Barham. No flowers by her request, donations if desired to Friends of Canterbury Cathedral. Enquiries to Lyons Funeral Directors tel: (0227) 463508.

CATTERALL - On October 8th, peacefully after a long illness, Christopher Catterall *Mchir, FRCS, of Headley*, Surrey. Devoted husband to the late Joy and father of Anthony, Jane and Richard. Much loved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend and colleague to so *many. Funeral at St Mary's,* Headley, nr. Epsom, on Monday October 21st at 12 noon. All welcome. Family flowers only - donations if desired to St Mary's Church, Headley c/o Peter Ellis, Labarranca House, Tyrells Wood, nr. Leatherhead, Surrey.

CORNFORTH ROBERTS - On October 1st 1991, at Meadbank Nursing Home, Dorothy Cornforth Roberts, widow of E.R. Roberts. Service at St Mary's Church, Battersea, on Thursday October 17th at noon. No flowers.

ENGLEHART - On October 9th, peacefully, Jean Margaret (née Rodgie) of Nutley, Sussex. Beloved wife of John, mother of Sophie and son-in-law David. Funeral at 11 am on Thursday October 17th at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth. No flowers please, but donations gratefully received for St Peter's and St James' Hospice, Chailey, Sussex, may be sent c/o Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield, East Sussex. tel: (0825) 763241.

FOWLER - On October 9th, suddenly, but peacefully in *hospital*, Commander George Charles Willoughby Fowler RN Rtd., devoted husband, father and grandfather. Much loved by *family and* friends. Funeral Service October 17th, 3 pm, St Peter's, Froxfield Green. Flowers or donations to Alzheimers Disease Society and enquiries to Funeral Services Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield. tel. (0730) 62711.

LANE - On October 11th, peacefully at home after a brave fight against cancer, Bernard, A.M.I.Mech.E. Commissioned R.E. 1940-45 *Burma. Beloved husband of* Jane, father of Penny and Ian, dear grandpa of Kate, Jamie and Molly. Cremation 10.30 am *Monday October* 21st, Randalls Park, Leatherhead. Family flowers. Donations in memory to Cancer Research.

MATHERS - On October 10th, in a road accident in *Somerset*, Robert Ian Finlayson, aged 38. Much loved husband and son and father of Alice, Jack, Imogen, Simon and Ralph. *Funeral* at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Charlton Mackrell, on Thursday October 17th, 11.30 am. Family flowers only.

PITCHFORD - On October *9th, peacefully at home,* Betty, dear wife of Jack and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. *Funeral* Service at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Thursday October 17th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Frank Davey & Co., 31 High Street, Hurstpierpoint. tel: (0273) 832179.

THWAITES - On October 10th 1991, at home, peacefully in deep faith after a long illness borne with great fortitude. Beloved wife of Bryan, and mother of Eleanor, Barnaby, Quentin, Dominic, Jacoby and Matilda. Requiem Mass on October 17th at St Peter's, Winchester. Thanksgiving Service to be announced shortly.

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RAYMENT - On October 10th 1991, peacefully in the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, John, aged 68 years, of Ongar, Essex, beloved husband of Monica and a dear father of Jane and John, father-in-law of Bob and brother of Kay and Barbara. Funeral Service to be held on Wednesday October 16th at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow at 2.30 pm. Family flowers *only please. Donations in lieu* to The British Heart Foundation. All enquiries and donations to the funeral directors, Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd., Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex. telephone: (0279) 426990.

WARREN - On October 10th 1991, peacefully but suddenly in hospital in Chester, John Benjamin, loving husband of Mary. Funeral Service at Blacon Crematorium, Chester, on Thursday October 17th at 12 noon. All enquiries to George Pellit & Son. tel: (0244) 390578.

WRAY - On October 2nd, Peggy, darling wife of John and beloved mother of Michael and Jackie, stepmother to Sally and grandmother to little Lisa. We loved her so *much.* The funeral service will take place at Guildford Crematorium on Friday October 18th at 11 am. All flowers and enquiries to Plumms Funeral Services, Charters, Mary Road, Guildford, Surrey. Tel: (0483) 67394.

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THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 30 September 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above named Company by £34,300,000

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 21 October 1991

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the under mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

Dated the 12 October 1991.
Freshfields,
(Ref PB/PJW/A3364L)
Whitefriars, 65 Fleet Street,
London EC4Y 1HS.
Solicitors
for the above named Company

No 0010600 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
SMITH & NEPHEW PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 17th day of September 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the *cancellation of the amount standing* to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company as at 11th September 1991

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 2LL on Monday the 21st day of October 1991.

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Dated this 9th day of October 1991
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Broadwalk House
5 Appold Street
London EC2A 2HA
Ref: ECTS
Solicitors
for the above named Company

OCT 12 ON THIS DAY 1934

This film of Rudolf Besier's play had Norma Shearer and Charles Laughton as Elizabeth Browning and her father and Frederic March as Robert Browning. In the original play, which ran for over 500 performances in the West End in London in 1930, Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies played Elizabeth and Cedric Hardwicke her father.

THE EMPIRE

THE BARRETTS OF WIMPOLE STREET

Based on the play by Rudolf Besier

Elizabeth Barrett	Norma Shearer
Edward Barrett	Charles Laughton
Robert Browning	Frederic March
Henrietta Barrett	Maureen O'Sullivan
Arabel Barrett	Katharine Alexander

Mr. Charles Laughton as Edward Moulton-Barrett, Mr. Frederic March as Robert Browning. On first thoughts, no. Mr. Laughton in his film career has given evidence that there are times when he seems prepared to give too much scope to his astonishing technical virtuosity, and the figure of Edward Moulton-Barrett, as Mr. Rudolf Besier presents him in his play, is a temptation for an actor of Mr. Laughton's peculiar gifts to alter a line here, emphasize a shade there and contrive to make a monster out of a man who differed from thousands of other Victorian householders only in degree, except for his fanatical attitude to marriage. His ideas were more rigid, his methods more autocratic, the struggle of forces within himself more severe, but Edward Moulton-Barrett had his feet planted firmly in his own environment and time and belonged neither to the world of Greek tragedy nor to the neurotic modern novel. Let it be said at once that all this Mr. Laughton faithfully observes. In the play there are two scenes, two moments rather, which lend themselves to a theory which has no evidence to support it, but Mr. Laughton neither evades nor emphasizes them and his performance throughout is balanced and rational.

It is impossible to write the same of Mr. March's Browning. Mr. March has a sound idea that Browning was a man of immense physical vigour; he forgets that Browning was a man of great intellectual achievement. There is the weakness of the ranter in this Browning who could never have been capable of the cold, precise hatred which inspired the lines to FitzGerald, and this ranting is responsible for the loss of some virtue, some spiritual tenderness in the relationship between Elizabeth Barrett and himself. The fault is not with Miss Norma Shearer, who plays the part with a sensitiveness and intelligence which suggest that, among other things, Elizabeth was a poet. Elizabeth was a woman as well as a poet, however, and scenes between her and her favourite sister, Henrietta, are the most satisfying in the film, for Miss Maureen O'Sullivan's naturalness, gaiety, and desire for love are a *perfect foil to* her sister's tolerance and sympathy.

The film follows the play closely, and for once it can be congratulated on remaining static and for refusing to sacrifice dialogue to action. For most of the time it remains inside the Wimpole Street house, and on the few occasions it does venture out it must have wished, like a man caught in a storm without a coat or umbrella, that it had remained safely indoors. Flush was oot forgotten — cultured Hollywood must have been reading Mrs. Virginia Woolf's biography of that important member of the Barrett household. To call a film a photographic version of a play is to disparage it in the eyes of those who believe that the cinema should always have a distinctive technique. *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* is a strictly photographic version of a play, yet, under the direction of Mr. Sidney Franklin, it has merits which even the most advanced cinematic theorists will find it difficult to ignore.

BBC 1

7.25 News and weather

7.30 Ovide. Animated adventures of a duckbilled platypus (r) **7.40 Opposites Attract.** Nature series for children. This week a barn owl hunts for food and a field mouse keeps a wary eye on a hovering kestrel (s)

7.50 The Jetsons. Cartoon adventures of a space age family (r) **8.15 Chucklevision.** Comedy with Paul and Barry Chuckle trying to *mend telephones (s)* ***8.35 Dungeons and Dragons.*** *Animated* fantasy adventures for children (r)

9.00 Going Live! presented by Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. Among the studio guests are actor Robert Sean Leonard who starred in the film *Dead Poets Society*, and singer Cathy Dennis; in the United States, Jakki Brambles talks to Wet Wet Wet; and Phillip Hodson has advice on teenage problems. Plus details of a competition to become the cover star of the magazine *Just 17* (s) **12.12 Weather**

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider at St Andrews. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20 Football:** a preview of next week's European championship matches involving Wales, Scotland and England; **12.45, 1.05, 3.05** and **4.00** Golf: semi-final action from the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews. The commentating team is Peter Alliss, *Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay, Clive Clark and Mike Hughesden;* **1.00 News; 1.45, 2.05** Show Jumping: the Horse of the Year show from Wembley Arena with commentary by Raymond Brooks-Ward and Stephen Hadley; **1.55, 2.25** and **2.55** Racing from Ascot; **2.35** Motor Sport: the 13th and final round of the Esso British touring car championship from Silverstone. Murray Walker describes the action; **3.50** Football half-times; **4.35** Final Score

5.00 News and weather

5.10 Regional news *and sport. Wales: Wales on Saturday 5.25-5.45* Tom and Jerry Triple Bill

5.15 One to Win. Trivia quiz hosted by Andrew O'Connor in which three *contestants strive to be the one to win a luxury holiday* (s). *(Ceefax)*

5.45 Only Fools and Horses. Another episode from an early series of John Sullivan's priceless saga of the wheeler-dealing Trotter family. Del persuades his friend Denzil to allow him to paint and decorate his flat in preference to an Irish professional, Brendan. But Denzil's wife, having experienced Del's business propositions before, is reluctant to let him into the flat. Starring David Jason, Nicholas Lyndhurst and Lennard Pearce (r). (Ceefax)

6.15 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. *Four more family couples* — from York, the west Midlands, Bedford and Kent — compete for a chance to win the conveyor belt goodies. (Ceefax) (s)

7.15 Challenge Anneka. The non-stop Miss Rice is challenged to organise a white wedding, including invitations, bridesmaids, dresses, reception and honeymoon, and renovate a 13th-century church in less than three days. (Ceefax)

8.05 Birds of a Feather. Earthy comedy series starring Pauline Quirke *and Linda Robson as the sisters whose husbands are serving* prison sentences. The decision to go to a car boot sale brings back jealous memories for Tracey. With Lesley Joseph as their obtrusive neighbour Dorien. (Ceefax) (s)

High Fashion: Twenties style with Louise Lombard (8.35pm)

8.35 The House of Eliott. *Episode seven of the polished period drama* set in London during the 1920s and following the fortunes of two sisters who try to make their way in the fashion business. Starring Stella Gonet and Louise Lombard. (Ceefax) (s)

9.30 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Sport and weather

9.50 Saturday Night Clive. *Clive James casts his acerbic eye over the* world's more obscure television offerings. His studio guest is comic actor and author Stephen Fry

10.35 Horse of the Year Show. David Vine, from Wembley Arena, introduces the climax of the week's events, the Everest grand prix, followed by the cavalcade of competitors. The commentators are Raymond Brooks-Ward and Stephen Hadley

11.25 Film: Operation Undercover (1975) starring Michael Moriarty and Yaphet Kotto, *with Richard Gere in his first film role as a hippy.* Tough police drama about the corrupt internal investigation into the accidental killing of an undercover policeman by a rookie cop. Directed by Milton Katselas

1.15am Weather

BBC 2

9.00 Film: Caravan (1946, b/w) starring Stewart Granger, Anne Crawford, Jean Kent and Dennis Price. Overcooked Gainsborough melodrama about a penniless writer trying to win the daughter of the local squire. Directed by Arthur Crabtree

10.55 Look, Stranger. The story of Major Peter Wood's attempts to turn Herm island into a self-sufficient community (r) **11.15 Spirit of Asia.** The religious beliefs of the people who inhabit the far corners of Indonesia's widespread archipelago (r)

12.15 Film: Storm Boy (1976) starring Greg Rowe and Peter Cummins. Children's adventure about a young boy, living with his father on a *remote part of* the Australian coast. *Directed by Henri Saffran*

1.45 Heirs and Graces. Lady Victoria Leatham visits Woburn Abbey, the home of the Marquess and Marchioness of Tavistock (r)

2.15 Network East. *Magazine series on Asian matters*

2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 63 of the 93-part Indian epic

3.25 Film: The Lady From Shanghai (1948, b/w) starring Orson Welles and Rita Hayworth. Thriller with a convoluted plot about an Irish sailor who becomes unwittingly involved in murder when he accompanies a beautiful woman and her husband on a cruise. One critic said it needed subtitles. But director Welles comes up with some magic touches, included the celebrated shoot-out in the hall *of mirrors.* **4.50 Animation Now.** *Blackberry Subway Jam*

5.00 Film: Colt 45 (1950) starring Randolph Scott, Ruth Roman and Zachary Scott. Standard Western adventure about a gun *salesman who vows to track down the bank robber who stole a* pair of his prototype revolvers. Directed by Edwin L. Marin

6.00 Japanese Language and People. The fifth of a ten-part series puts the spotlight on Japan's education system

6.40 Late Again. Highlights from this week's editions of *The Late Show* (s)

7.25 Have I Got News For You? Topical comedy news quiz (r)

7.55 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather

8.10 *Sounds of the 60s.* *The second selection* from the BBC's rock and pop archives (s)

8.40 The Second Russian Revolution.
● *CHOICE:* The superb political history of the Soviet *Union under* Gorbachev is back for an early repeat, with the addition of new programmes covering events up to and including the failed August coup. The fresh material includes an interview with an aide who was with Gorbachev during the leader's house arrest. The series would have been impossible to make without the very changes it describes. Apart from Gorbachev himself, *The Second Russian Revolution* has contributions from almost all of the leading figures, *and they speak with a frankness that would have been unthinkable* ten years ago. The result is a set of vivid and illuminating narratives that not only make fascinating television but will be rich source material for future historians. Tonight's programme goes back to 1985 and gives a blow-by-blow account of the manoeuvres behind Gorbachev's emergence as leader (r). (Ceefax)

Bewitching: Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as Yelena (9.30pm)

9.30 Performance: Uncle Vanya.
● CHOICE: With their intimate exchanges and subtle nuances which can easily get lost on stage, Chekhov's plays are almost made for television and it is strange they do not reach the small *screen more often. Gregory Mosher's production of Uncle Vanya* continually makes the point. Instead of pulling back and giving us televised theatre, he gets the camera in close, picking up every word and gesture. *It is a technique which also helps to brings out* the Chekhovian melancholy and introspection and the little flashes of wry humour. The main male characters are effectively taken by David Warner in the title role, Ian Holm as Astrov and Ian Bannen as the professor, while the American actress Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio *makes a good stab at the bewitching Yelena.* The production uses a new adaptation by the playwright David Mamet which is fluent, sometimes colloquial but always faithful. (Ceefax)

11.40 Golf. Highlights of today's semi-finals of the International team competition, the Dunhill Cup, from St Andrews. Ends at **12.25am**

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6.00 TV-am

9.25 Motormouth. Young people's entertainment magazine. This *morning's edition includes Michael J. Fox talking to Gaby Roslin* about his new film *Doc Hollywood;* Dannii Minogue performing her latest single; and wildlife expert Chris Packham talking about his new series of *Go Wild!* which begins next week

11.30 The Chart Show. The Vintage Video slot features the Specials *performing* "Ghost Town" (s)

12.30 Saint & Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves look forward to next week's European championship matches involving the home *countries and review this week's Rumbelows cup second round,* second leg results

1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather **1.05 LWT News** and weather

1.10 *Rugby World Cup.* *Frank Bough introduces live coverage of* the game at Murrayfield between Scotland and Ireland (kick-off 1.30), with both teams boosted by big wins on Wednesday. The *commentator is John Taylor who is joined by Gordon Brown, Nigel* Carr and Fran Cotton. Followed by the game (kick-off 3.15) at Cardiff Arms Park between Wales, who had a *moral-boosting* win against Argentina on Wednesday, and Australia, who dealt the Welsh a crushing 63-6 defeat during the summer. The *commentator* is Bob Symonds with expert comment from Gerald Davies and Bill Calcraft

4.45 Results Service presented by Elton Welsby

5.00 News *with Nicholas Owen. Weather* ***5.05 LWT News*** *and weather*

5.10 10 Sharp! Pat Sharp is joined by Dannii Minogue, Gary Glitter and England rugby captain Will Carling. Plus previews of Motorfair '91 and the film *Doc Hollywood*

5.20 Baywatch. A feature-length episode to introduce a new series of sun-kissed adventures of the Los Angeles county lifeguards, starring David Hasselhoff. In this story a mystery object crushes a scuba diver and then sinks a fishing vessel when it is ensnared by *its nets.* (Oracle)

6.55 Blind Date. Cilla Black introduces another selection of lovelorn hopefuls (Ceefax)

7.55 Stay Lucky. *The first of a new series of Yorkshire Television's* sprightly comedy drama by Geoff McQueen, creator of *The Bill.* Dennis Waterman and Jan Francis star as the disparate couple with an unpredictable relationship. (Oracle) (s)

8.55 News with Nicholas Owen. Sport and weather

A fair cop: Mel Smith right, collars Griff Rhys Jones (9.15pm)

9.15 Film: Wilt (1989).
● CHOICE: Tom Sharpe's comic novels have had a mixed fate in *their transfer to the screen, with the BBC's Blott on the Landscape* notably less successful than Channel 4's *Porterhouse Blue.* Made by London Weekend Television, and first shown in the cinema, *Wilt* comes somewhere between the two. The casting of Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones gives a fair indication of what to expect. Jones *plays the title character,* a *polytechnic lecturer who fantasises* about murdering his nagging wife (Alison Steadman). Smith is the bumbling police inspector who becomes convinced that Wilt has done the deed. The humour is broad and not always subtle, with writers Andrew Marshall (creator of the excellent BBC sitcom *Two Point Four Children*) and David Renwick tending go for the easy targets. Diana Quick and an inflatable doll add to the fun and the director Michael Tuchner maintains a frantic pace. (Oracle) (s)

11.05 Rugby World Cup. *David Bobin introduces highlights of this* evening's game in Brive, France, between Fiji and Romania; and this afternoon's games between Scotland and Ireland and Wales v Australia

12.05am Tour of Duty. American drama series about a group of raw recruits on active service in Vietnam

1.05 Wrestling from the United States

2.00 New Music. Celebrity interviews and videos presented by Denise Donlan and Jana Lynn White

3.05 Coach. American comedy series starring Craig T. Nelson as a football coach

3.35 Baseball 1991 from the United States

4.30 The Hit Man and Her. Disco music, news and fashions introduced by Michaela Strachan and Pete Waterman (s)

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**

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6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons for children **7.00 Once Upon a Time . . . Space.** Exploring outer space through the eyes of animated characters **7.30 High 5.** Unusual sporting action ***8.00*** **Trans World Sport.** International sporting news and features

9.00 News *summary followed by* **Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line.** A preview of the weekend's racing

9.30 A Cornish Inheritance. The poet and historian A.L. Rowse *returns to his Cornish roots, reliving the memories and influences* of his youth. Subtitled (r)

10.00 Noah's Ark: Winter Refuge. The Spanish wildlife series looks at *the Iberian peninsula in its role as a winter refuge for migrating* geese, doves and thrushes (r)

10.30 Wagon Train: The Jose Maria Moran Story (b/w). Vintage western series from the 1950s. The wagon train folk agree *to* protect a white man who has lived with the Pawnee for 15 years and is on the run from a hostile tribe who think he is a real Indian. Starring Robert Loggia

11.30 Tony Jacklin's Pro-Celebrity Golf Challenge. The Sportsmen, represented by Sam Torrance and Dennis Taylor, play Ronan Rafferty and Bruce Forsyth, representing the Entertainers, over a nine-hole course in Le Touquet (r)

12.30 *American Football — Red 42* (s)

1.00 Film: The Great Sinner (1949, b/w) starring Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner and Melvyn Douglas. Handsome but heavy-going period *drama, loosely based on Dostoevsky's novel The Gambler, about a* 19th-century writer who turns to gambling in order to woo a beautiful woman away from her lover. Directed by Robert Siodmak

3.00 Channel 4 Racing from York. Live coverage of the Tattersalls Maiden Auction Series Nursery Handicap Final (3.15); the Rockingham Stakes (3.45); the Coral Sprint Trophy (4.15); and the Carling Black Label Leger Stakes (4.45)

5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s)

6.30 News *headlines and weather followed by* ***Right to Reply.*** *Includes* a discussion on whether there should be a televised debate between the party leaders at the next general election. (Teletext)

7.00 South.
● CHOICE: The premise behind *South* is that the developing world *only appears on our screens when there is bad news* to tell. The series aims to challenge this convention by giving film-makers from developing countries the chance to set their own agendas. *Ironically tonight's first item is an all too familiar ecological disaster* story about third world exploitation. Pablo Lavin's film is an angry tirade against Japanese-led destruction of the Chilean forests to make paper for fax machines. He makes his case with an inventive combination of reportage, dramatisation, graphics and *experimental* video techniques. Even *more experimental* is a personal view of the Cuban capital, Havana, by a Chilean director who becomes so obsessed with style that the content is almost buried. In between there is a charming, though slightly double edged, fable from Cameroon reflecting that country's huge passion for football

Highland fling: Duncan Macrae with Alec Guinness (8.00pm)

8.00 Film: Tunes of Glory (1960). The Alec Guinness season continues with this powerful military drama about a clash of personalities between the hard-drinking CO of a Scottish infantry regiment (Guinness) and his disciplinarian successor (John Mills). With Dennis Price, Susannah York, in her first film, and Gordon Jackson. Directed by Ronald Neame. (Teletext)

10.00 Next Stop Hollywood. The series of short films by new American directors continues with Robert Resnikoff's **The Jogger** (1987) starring Terry O'Quinn as a jogger who finds himself running for his life when a mysterious stranger begins to dog his footsteps

10.30 Hysteria III. Stephen Fry introduces a music and comedy event in *aid of the Terrence Higgins Trust, one of the UK's leading Aids* charity, recorded at the London Palladium in June. Among those taking part are Rowan Atkinson, Elton John, Dawn French, Mike McShane and Melvyn Bragg (s)

12.40am Sumo: the London Basho. Highlights from the fourth of the *five-day competition from the Albert Hall, introduced by Lyall* Watson and Charles Palmer

1.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Five astronauts talk about how their experiences in outer space have changed their lives (r)

2.00 American Football — Red 42 (r) (s). Ends at **2.25**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Danger Bay 11.30 Sha Na Na 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 *WWF Superstars of Wrestling* 3.00 Monkey 5.00 240 Robert 6.00 Robin of Sherwood 7.00 T J Hooker 8.00 Unsolved *Mysteries 9.00 Cops I 9.30 Cops II 10.00 All* American Wrestling 11.00 The Rookies 12.00 The Last Laughs 12.30pm Pages *from Skytext*

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SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
8.00 Club Med (1986): *Romantic comedy following the amorous adventures of a group of holidaymakers in a tropical resort*
10.00 Coward of the County (1981): Singer Kenny Rodgers stars as a Southern *preacher*
12.00 The Return of the Incredible Hulk (1988): Starring Lou Ferrigno and Bill Bixby
2.00pm Electric Dreams (1984): The tale of a modern-day love triangle starring Lenny Van Dohlen and Virginia Madsen
4.00 Entertainment Tonight
4.30 Battle Royale: Repeat of last week's special event of the WWF Wrestling Superstars at the Royal Albert Hall
6.00 The Price of Passion (1988): Diane Keaton stars as a single parent who endeavours to look after and educate her daughter whilst beginning a new romance with an artist
10.00 In Bed with Madonna (1991): Documentary about singing star Madonna. Also starring Warren Beatty and Kevin Costner
12.05 Games of Desire (1988): An impotent husband finds he has no control over his wife when she seeks sexual solace elsewhere
2.00am Alien Nation (1988): A futuristic *thriller set in an America where aliens and* humans live side-by-side. Starring James Caan and Terence Stamp
3.50 Everybody's All-American (1988): Drama charting the lives of three close friends from the mid 1950s to the present day. Starring Jessica Lange and Timothy Hutton

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
3.15am Pal Joey (1957): Musical featuring Frank Sinatra as a singer who dreams of opening up a nightclub
5.15 Asterix and the Big Fight (1988): Animated adventure story.
9.40 All About Eve (1950): Classic tale starring Bette Davis as young aspiring *actress hungry for fame.*
12.00 World Entertainment Report
1.00pm All Quiet on the Western Front (1930): *Poignant and moving story following* the experiences of a group of German teenagers who in 1914 volunteer for action in the trenches. Starring Lew Ayres.
2.50 Love Story (1970): Tragic story of a two young lovers, played by Ryan O'Neal and Ali McGraw
4.35 Oliver's Story (1978): The sequel to *Love Story* which follows the fortunes of Ryan O'Neal as he begins a new rommence. *Also stars Candice Bergen*
6.10 Dracula (1931): Atmospheric adaptation of Bram Stoker's classic tale starring *Bela Lugosi as the evil count.*
7.40 Spotlight
8.05 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989): Third Indiana Jones adventure starring Harrison Ford as the adventurer.
10.15 The Kiss (1988): Grim horror story about a family with a curse that is passed on through the generations by a kiss of a deadly female. Starring Joanna Pacula
11.55 K-9 (1989): A German shepherd dog assists in cracking a drug ring.
1.40am The Rose (1979): Musical drama loosely based on the life of 60s singer Janis *Joplin played by Bette Midler. Also stars* Alan Bates.
4.00 Lipstick (1976): A model determines to take revenge on the man who raped her. Starring Margaux Hemingway.

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

● Via the Astra satellites.
4.00pm The Lucy Hour 5.00 The Love Boat 6.00 Car 54, Where are You? 6.30 The Monkees 7.00 Abbott & Costello 7.30 Manic Mansion 8.00 The Pink Panther 10.00 Comic *Strip Live 11.00 The Last Laugh 11.30 The* Burns & Allen Show

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6.30am Aerobics 7.00 NFL Today 8.00 Fishing the West 8.30 European Football Round-Up 9.30 Sky Soccer Weekend 10.30 Power Hour Wrestling 11.30 Motor World 12.00 German League Football 2.00pm Superbouts 3.00 American Sports Cavalcade 4.00 Kick 5.00 Watersports World 6.00 Soccer Classic 7.00 WWF Primetime Wrestling 8.30 NFL Follies 9.00 Ringside 11.00 Red Line 12.00 NFL American Football 2.00am Ringside

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
9.00am International Motorsport 10.00 Sailing *10.30 Equestrian Jumping 11.30 Benelux* Sport Magazine 12.00 Wrestling 1.00pm Tennis 7.30 International Motorsport 8.30 Tennis 13.00 Boxing 11.00 Rythmic Gymnastics 12.00 Karate

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Rodeo 7.30 Golf 3.00 Longitude 8.30 Gillette World Sport Special 9.00 Rugby World Cup 10.00 NASCAR Winston Cup 11.00 Golf 12.00 Powersports 1.15pm *Live Rugby World Cup 3.00 Rugby 4.40 Golf* 0.00 Golf 6.50 Live Rugby World Cup 8.40 Golf 9.30 Rugby World Cup 10.30 Football *12.30am Longitude 1.00 FIA World Rally* Championships 2.00 Boxing 3.00 Rugby World Cup 4.00 Baseball 6.00 Rugby World Cup

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm The Smothers Brothers 1.00 White Shadow 1.55 Lifestyles *of the Rich and Famous 2.50 Spain Spain* Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Film: The *Man with the Golden Arm 5.30 The Burns and Allen Show 6.00 Sell-a-Vision Shopping* Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Lifestyle *Satellite Jukebox*

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz *Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis* 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Don Henley: A profile by Paul Gambaccini 3.00 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Loose Talk: Featuring Mark Thomas and Kevin Day 7.30 Back By Public Demand. Featuring the Stranglers from 7.30 to 8.30, OMD from 8.30 to 9.30 and Rod Stewart from 9.30 to 11.00. 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00am Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 Saturday Club: Brian Matthew introduces The Tremeloes, Mark Wynter, Shane Fenton and the Fentones, Helen Shapiro and the Tornados 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm The News Huddlines (r) 2.00 Ed Stewart 4.00 Teenagers in Love [illegible] 6.00 [illegible] Serenade 'Gershwin to Greensleeves' 7.00 Beat the Record 7.30 Folk Season: Judy Collins in Concert [illegible] 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley 12.05am Stars of the 60s with Clodagh Rodgers 1.00 Night Ride 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition [illegible] 12.00 Sport on 4 plus 1 12.30pm Sportscall Phone-in quiz with Danny Baker 1.30 Sport on 5 [illegible] Rugby World Cup [illegible] Scotland v Ireland [illegible] Wales v Australia 5.00 Sports Report [illegible] 7.30 Le Top [illegible] 10.00 Sport [illegible] 12.00-12.15am News and Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am World Business Report 5.40 Travel and Weather news 5.45 News and Press Review in German 6.00 German features [illegible] 6.30 Europe Today [illegible] 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Londres Matin [illegible] 8.00 World News [illegible] 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News [illegible] 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 People and Politics 12.00 Newsdesk [illegible] 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain [illegible] 2.00 Newshour 3.00 Club 648 [illegible] 4.00 World News [illegible] 5.00 World News [illegible] 9.00 World News [illegible] 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News [illegible] 12.00 World News 12.05 Words of Faith [illegible] 1.00 Newsdesk [illegible] 3.00 Newsdesk [illegible] 4.00 World News [illegible] 5.00 Newsdesk

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.05pm-5.20 Anglia News

BORDER
As London except: 5.05pm-5.20 Border News 12.05am Film: Poison Ivy 1.50 David Lee Roth in Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

CENTRAL
As London except: 5.15pm-5.30 Central *Sports Special — Goals Extra 12.05am Film:* Hang 'Em High 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.40 America's Top Ten 3.15 Alfred Hitchcock *Presents 3.40 This Week in Nascar 4.40-*5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 6.10pm-6.30 Granada Goals Extra 12.05am Film: Poison Ivy 1.50 David Lee Roth — *In Profile* 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sports World 5.05-5.30 William Tell

HTV WEST
As London except: 5.05pm-5.20 HTV West News and Sport

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 5.05pm-5.20 HTV Wales News and Sport

SCOTTISH
As London except: 5.15pm-5.20 Cartoon *Time 12.05am Man 1.00 Cue the Music* 2.00 CinemAttractions 2.30 Speedway Triangular Test Match 3.30 Film: The Case of the *Stuttering Bishop** 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 11.30am Superman 12.00-12.30pm The South West Week 12.05am Film: Poison Ivy 1.50 Pop Profile of David Lee Roth 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

TVS
As London except: 5.05pm TVS News and Sport 5.15-5.20 Cartoon

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.05pm Northern Life Sport Special 5.15-5.20 Cartoon Time 12.05am Film: Poison Ivy 1.50 David Lee Roth In Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.05-5.30 William Tell

ULSTER
As London except: 5.05pm-5.20 Ulster Newstime and Sport 12.05am Film: Poison *Ivy 1.50 David Lee Roth in Profile 2.00* The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sportsworld 5.00-5.30 William Tell

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.05pm Calendar News 5.15-5.20 Cartoon Time 12.05am Film: Phobia 1.45 Backstage 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 The American Century 5.00 Music Box 5.25-5.30 Profile of Maxi Priest

S4C
Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.00 Once Upon A Time — Space 7.30 High 5 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 News 9.05 C4 Racing 9.30 Jelin 10.00 Time Tunnel 11.00 I Love Lucy* 11.30 Short Stories 12.00 thirtysomething 12.30 American Football — Red 42 1.00 Rygbi — Cwpan Y Byd 5.05 Brookside 6.30 The Wonder Years 7.00 Newyddion Nos Sadwrn 7.25 Bacha Hi O Ma 8.10 TV Teili 8.40 A Chairy Tale Ballet Adagio 9.00 Super Mouse 9.30 Rygbi — Cwpan Y Byd 10.30 Hysteria III 12.40 1991 London Grand Sumo Tournament 1.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2.00 American Football — *Red 42 2.25 Diwedd*

RTE 1
Starts: 9.00am Scratch Saturday 1.00pm News followed by Rugby World Cup: Scotland v Ireland 3.15 Elephants and Cherry Pie 3.45 Film: Deadly Encounter 5.30 Eureka 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.40 Talkabout 7.05 Baywatch 8.00 Secrets 9.00 News 9.20 Kenny Live 10.40 Brides of Christ 11.40 Chuck Berry 12.35 News 12.40 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 12.30pm News 12.35 Sports Stadium 6.30 Seachtain 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Trials of Life 8.00 News 8.05 Film: From Here to Eternity 10.10 World Cup Rugby 11.00 First Works 11.30 Film: Sound of Love 12.50am Close

Stay Lucky (ITV 7.55pm)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Weber, arr Berlioz (Invitation to the Dance: Cleveland Orchestra under Dohnányi); Beethoven (Polonaise in C, Op 89. Rudolf Buchbinder, piano); Rameau (Dances, Les Indes galantes: Chapelle Royale under Herreweghe)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert: Grieg (Lyric Suite Op 54: Ulster Orchestra under Handley); Elgar (Pastourelle, Rosemary, Griffinesque: Peter Pettinger, piano); Mozart (Divertimento in B flat, KA 227: Netherlands Wind Ensemble under Waart); Bach (Concerto in A, BWV 1055: English Concert under Pinnock, harpsichord; **8.30** News
8.35 BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth perform Sibelius (Valse Lyrique, Op 96 No 1); Stenhammar (Two Sentimental Romances); Bruch (Swedish Dances Op 63, Set 2); Sinding (Suite in A minor); Grieg (Homage March) (r)
9.30 Saturday Review with Richard Osborne. Record Review: Mahler's Symphony No 5 by Seckerson; Richard Wigmore reviews Mozart Editions **10.40** Record Release: Mozart (piano Concerto No 22 in E flat, K 482) 11.15 Monteverdi (Messa *a quattro voci: Chapelle Royale under Herreweghe*) 11.30 Cage (Second *Construction: Helios Quartet*) 11.45 Mozart (Clarinet Quintet K 581: Sabine Meyer, Vienna String Sextet Members) 12.27pm Highlights from EMI's set *Wagner Singing on Record*
12.45pm Japan Season: Snapshot. Mark Robinson looks at Japanese youth culture
1.00 News
1.05 Shura Cherkassky. The pianist performs Loeillet (Suite de pièces); Chopin (Scherzo No 4 in E, Op 54); Ives (Three Page Sonata); [illegible]; Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 12 in C sharp minor) (r)
2.10 Brahms and Schoenberg. BBC SO under Lionel Friend perform Brahms (Serenade No 1 in D, Op 11); Schoenberg (*Chamber Symphony No 1, Op 9*) (r)
3.25 American Songs. Roberta Alexander, soprano, performs Barber (Tres Songs, Op 2: Tan Crone, piano); Copland (Three Early Songs, 1918); Barber (Three Songs, Op 10: Tan Crone, piano)
3.50 Tuning Up. Chris de Souza talks to Stephanie Gonley, co-leader of the ECO. Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5, BWV 1050); Mozart (Symphony No 41, K 551, Jupiter: ECO under Ledger)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion with Christopher Cook. Reviews Toulouse-Lautrec at the Hayward Gallery, David Hare's *Murmuring Judges* and Claude Berri's film *Uranus*
6.30 Mozart and Dvořák. The Trio of London performs Mozart (Piano Trio in G, K 496); Dvořák (Piano Trio No 4, Dumky, Op 90) (r)
7.30 Japan Season: The Takemitsu Signature. BBC Welsh SO under Otaka performs Ravel (Rapsodie espagnole); Toru Takemitsu (Dream/Window) **8.05** Interval Reading **8.10** Mahler (Das Lied von der Erde)
9.25 Japan Season: Bell
● CHOICE. Piers Plowright's exquisitely directed amalgam of eastern and western prose and poetry in which the bell variously features as a symbol of birth and death, and meeting and parting, draws upon largely unfamiliar (to western ears) passages from Noh drama and from more familiar biblical passages such as the story of Abraham and Isaac. Plowright's reconciliation of east and west includes an echo of the reconciliation Benjamin Britten himself achieved in *Curlew River*, his parable for church performance, in which the Buddhist philosophy of the Noh play *Sumidagawa* was transplanted into the Christian faith
9.55 Bath Festival 1991: From Jazz to the 20th Century. Kronos Quartet, Steven Mackey, electric guitar, perform [illegible]; John Zorn (The Dead Man); Andriessen (Facing Death); Gorecki (Already it is Dusk) **11.55** Interval Reading **11.00** Kevin Volans (Hunting Gathering); Mackey (Troubadour songs); [illegible]
12.00-12.05am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.30** Weather **6.10** Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00am** Today, incl **7.00 7.30 8.00 8.30** News **7.25 8.25** Sport **7.55 8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4 with Bryon Butler
9.30 Breakaway. Holiday and travel news with Ken Bruce
10.00 News; Loose Ends with Ned Sherrin (s)
11.00 News; Conference Special Robin Oakley, political editor of *The Times*, reports on the Conservative party conference
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box with Louise Botting
12.25pm The News Quiz. Barry Took quizzes Alan Coren, Richard Ingrams and guests on the week's events (s); **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is in Ramsbottom, Lancashire, with John Banham, director of the CBI; Tony Blair MP, shadow spokesman on employment, John MacGregor MP, leader of the House of Commons; and Russell Johnston, deputy leader of the Liberal Democrats and spokesman on foreign affairs (r); **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? Tel 071-580 4411
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Settling with the Indians. The first English settlement in Virginia provides the setting for [illegible] powerful story about Ben Mellors, a man appalled by the colonial mentality around him (s)
3.45 Pedlar for God. Peter Howarth presents a portrait of a religious man, Thomas Allen, who trudged around Bacup in the 19th century selling tracts, pamphlets and bibles (r)
4.00 News; Litmus Test. Michael Scott hosts the scientific panel game (s) (r)
4.30 Science Now. Weekly review of discoveries and developments in science
5.00 Metro Mouse. An off-the-rails look at the life of two metropolitan mammals, one of which is a mouse, with Fergus Keeling and members of the Tie-Break Theatre Company (s) (r)
5.25 Fourth Column. Simon Hoggart and friends take a quizzical look at life; **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-up
6.25 Week Ending. A review of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Brian Bowles (s)
6.50 Stop the Week. Animated table talk with Robert Robinson (s)
7.20 Kaleidoscope: At the Diner. Tim Marlow investigates the increasing presence in Britain of the all-American diner (s) (r)
7.50 Classic Serial: *The Personal History of David Copperfield* (Part 5) (s)
8.50 Conversations with *Historians.* John Miller talks to Robert Blake (r)
9.20 Music in Mind with Brian Kay (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten. A reading, hymn and reflection (s); **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Kissing Frogs
● CHOICE: Anna Grayson's investigation into direct marketing works hard to make a distinction between personalised mail shots powered by computer and the anonymously addressed mail shots they have replaced. No doubt about it — in targeting, the systems are different. But more than one listener tonight will curse them both as junk mail, and furiously object to being categorised as frogs that are hardly able to restrain their joy at the prospect of being turned into princes by hard-nosed businessmen posing as life-enhancing benefactors (s)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Richard Rodney Bennett (s) (r)
11.30 Mary Whitehouse's Best Expressions. Satire show (s)
12.00 News, incl **12.20am** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

BBC 1

8.40 The Train Now Departing. The West Highland line (r)

9.10 News and weather **9.15 In Touch With Healing.** Mike Wooldridge meets full-time healer Mgr Michael Buckley

9.30 This is the Day from Belfast, with the Faith and Light Group

10.00 See Hear! 10.30 Deutsch Direkt (r). Wales: Skillshop **10.55 Fast Feasts.** Chicken satay (r)

11.00 The *Training Hour* begins with ***No More Nightingales.*** Nursing in the 1990s. Wales (until 11.30) See You Sunday **11.30 Skillshop.** Magazine series on training and jobs (s)

12.00 The Colour Eye. The influence of colour on our lives (r)

12.30 Country File. An investigation into the true cost of nature conservation. Wales: Farming in Wales **12.55 Weather**

1.00 News followed by **On the Record.** Home Office minister Chris Patten is interviewed **2.00 EastEnders** (r). (Ceefax) (s)

3.00 Film: Dallas — The Early Years (1986) starring Larry Hagman, David Grant and Molly Hagan. For those suffering withdrawal symptoms after last week's final episode of the soap, a made-for-television "prequel" directed by Larry Elikann

5.15 Horse of the Year Show. David Vine introduces highlights

6.00 The Clothes Show. With Jeff Banks and Caryn Franklin (s)

6.25 News with Laurie Mayer. Weather

6.40 Songs of Praise from New Lanark (Ceefax) (s)

7.15 Keeping Up Appearances. Roy Clark's comedy series starring Patricia Routledge as Hyacinth, an inveterate snob and social climber. (Ceefax) (s)

7.45 Trainer. Episode seven of the horse racing soap following the fortunes of a young trainer. (Ceefax) (s)

8.35 Bread. Comedy about a workshy Liverpool family. (Ceefax) (s)

9.05 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather

Busting drugs: Lenny Henry and Robbie Coltrane (9.20pm)

9.20 Screen One: Alive and Kicking (1991).

● CHOICE: In Al Hunter's meaty drama kicking refers both to football and drug addiction. The two strands come together as Steve (played by Lenny Henry) suggests forming a football team to help fellow addicts buck the habit. Steve is also a dealer, which involves him in gang warfare and leads to separation from his wife and new baby. Enter Liam Kane (Robbie Coltrane), former gangster turned drug therapist, who uses his unorthodox approach to set Steve on the straight and narrow. The casting of the two comedians in the leading roles works a treat as Henry and Coltrane milk Hunter's script for the last drop of dark humour. Hunter's sense of structure is not as assured as his dialogue and the piece pursues a choppy narrative path with too many loose ends. But whenever Henry and Coltrane share the screen the sparks fly and there is an excellent performance from Annabelle Apsion as Henry's sad spouse. (Ceefax) (s)

10.55 Heart of the Matter: Whistle-Blowers.

● CHOICE: The moral dilemmas series starts a new season by looking at people driven by conscience to take a public stand against their employers for what they see as unacceptable conduct. Three such whistle blowers are featured, with a fourth, Clive Ponting, recalled on film. Colin Jewell, an oil engineer, twice went public to criticise the standard of safety on North Sea oil rigs. His reward was to be left without a job. Robin Robison is a Quaker and former civil servant in the Cabinet Office who spoke out on government secrecy. The third example is a nurse concerned for the care of mental patients because of health service cuts. Lord Armstrong, former head of the Civil Service, says dismissively that whistle blowers are often lonely people "who get locked into a crusading spirit and almost hug martyrdom". A moral philosopher offers a more measured and sympathetic view. Northern Ireland: God Knows 11.25 Heart of the Matter

11.30 Golf. *Highlights of today's final of the Dunhill Cup from St Andrews*

12.00 Japanese — Language and People. Their education system (r)

12.30am Mahabharat. Episode 67 (r). Northern Ireland: *Golf* 1.00-1.40 Mahabhrat **1.10 Weather**

BBC 2

7.25 But First This on 2 beginning with **Tales of a Wise King and the Devil.** Animated fable **7.30 Hallo Spencer** Puppets (r) **7.55 Playdays** (r) **8.15 Bitsa.** Simon Pascoe and Caitlin Easterby recycle household junk into something useful (r) **8.30 Babar.** Animated version of the classic children's story about an elephant **8.55 The Little Green Planet Show.** The second of a six-part children's science series (r) (s) ***9.10 Blood and Honey.*** Stories from the Old Testament told by Tony Robinson (s) **9.30 Defenders of the Earth.** Cartoon adventures (r). (Ceefax) **9.50 Blue Peter Omnibus** (r) **10.40 The Boy From Andromeda.** Episode two of the six-part science fiction serial **11.10 Boxpops.** Views on war and peace from, among others, Kevin Turvey (Rik Mayall), Culture Club and Youth CND **11.50 The O-Zone.** Pop music magazine (s)

12.00 Film: Once Upon a Texas Train (1988) starring Willie Nelson, Richard Widmark and Angie Dickinson. A lighthearted TV western about an old lag, released after 20 years in prison, who still thinks he is a great outlaw and decides to rob the Texas railroad. Directed by Burt Kennedy. (Ceefax)

1.30 Film 91 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of *Drop Dead Fred* and *Toy Soldier* and an interview with Kenneth Branagh about his new film *Dead Again* (r)

2.00 Golf. Live coverage of the final of the Dunhill Cup, the international team competition, introduced by Steve Rider from St Andrews. The commentators are Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay, Clive Clark and Mike Hughesdon

4.25 The Good Old Days. A celebration of old time music hall from the City Varieties Theatre, Leeds, being shown in tribute to the late Barney Colehan, producer of the show for more than 20 years. Among those taking part is the ever-present chairman Leonard Sachs who introduces Les Dawson, Bernie Clifton and Peter Skellern (r)

5.15 Rough Guide to the World's Journeys. Magenta de Vine and Sankha Guha explore Australia for a fortnight (r)

6.05 This is Your Life (b/w). A 1961 edition when Eamonn Andrews emotionally mugged Max Bygraves (r)

6.35 The Money Programme. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, is questioned by Peter Jay about Britain's prospects of recovery from the recession

7.15 The Birth of Europe.

● CHOICE: Michael Andrews's intelligent series about the impact of geology and nature on European history reaches the discovery of metals. The stone age becomes the bronze age. There is much about how metals were formed but this is also a human story. As stone gave way to copper and bronze, so human society started to be divided according to rank and wealth. Communities of equals were succeeded by clans ruled by chieftains. More momentously, men used the new technology to make weapons of war. At least that was what happened in central Europe. On Crete the same conditions produced the first European civilisation. With no latex models of early humans to provide variety, this second episode is visually less diverting than the first. But the commentary is clear and informative and Andrews's approach provides a useful corrective to history as a tale of kings and generals. (Ceefax) (s)

8.10 Madness: Out of Sight. In the second programme of his five-part series Dr Jonathan Miller traces the rise and fall of the asylum. (Ceefax)

9.10 The Complete Citizen Kane. In celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the British premiere of Orson Welles's *Citizen Kane*, a documentary tracing the impact of the work on the film world, as well as exploring the political and social background of Hollywood in 1941. *Narrated by Lesley Megahey*

Press conference: Orson Welles as the paper tiger (10.40pm)

10.40 Film: Citizen Kane (1941, b/w) starring Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten, Everett Sloane and Agnes Moorehead. Despite what Channel 4's *J'Accuse* strand said last week this is one of the cinema's supreme achievements, all the more remarkable as Welles, its star, co-writer and director was only 25 and had not made a feature film before. With a dazzling and innovative use of cinema technique the film unravels in flashback the story of a newspaper tycoon, loosely based on William Randolph Hearst. Ends at **12.40am**

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Disney Club

10.15 Link. A feature on disabled Carol Graham who was aged 24 when she left Canada to go and live alone in Edinburgh

10.30 Morning Worship from Rosyth Methodist Church, Dunfermline

11.15 The Human Factor: Bomb Damage. Peter Williams reports on the plight of British veterans who were incapacitated after watching the first British atom bomb test 40 years ago in Australia, and are still fighting for compensation. (Oracle)

11.45 Walden. Brian Walden questions Labour's health spokesman Robin Cook on his party's plans for the National Health Service (s)

12.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **12.35 LWT News** and weather

12.40 Rugby World Cup 91. Frank Bough introduces live coverage of the game in Pontypridd between Argentina and the competition's surprise package, Western Samoa. The commentator is John Taylor

2.40 Film: Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970) starring Martin Balsam, Joseph Cotten and Jason Robards. Second world war drama about the Japanese invasion of Pearl Harbor, an event that is meticulously re-created from both points of view. Includes some Japanese dialogue with English subtitles. Directed by Richard Fleischer, Toshio Masuda and Kinji Fukasaku

5.20 Rugby World Cup. Frank Bough introduces live coverage of the second half of the game in Agen between France and Canada. The commentator is Alastair Hignell. Plus highlights of the New Zealand v Italy match at Leicester

7.05 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **7.10 LWT News** and weather

7.15 Beadle's About. Juvenile practical jokes from Jeremy Beadle

7.45 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: A New Lease of Death. The final epsiode of the three-part mystery, starring George Baker and Christopher Ravenscroft. Did Wexford send an innocent man to the gallows 30 years ago? (Oracle) (s)

8.45 London's Burning. Busy drama series about the crew of a London fire station. The arrival of a new station commander ruffles a few feathers. (Oracle)

9.45 News with Sue Carpenter, and weather **10.00 LWT Weather**

10.05 Hale & Pace. Gareth and Norman with another selection of variously abrasive comedy sketches including one about a naughty gnome and a serviceman who is definitely not an officer and a gentleman (s)

Comic recollection: Neil Simon barefoot in the past (10.35pm)

10.35 The South Bank Show: Neil Simon.

● CHOICE: The American playwright gets the *South Bank Show* treatment with a friendly and accessible profile based largely on the subject's own words and eschewing any wider critical perspective. The framework is autobiographical, with Simon wandering through his native New York with his daughter and grandson and recalling key episodes from his life. Since many of these found their way into his plays, life and art are almost seamlessly integrated. Thus *Barefoot in the Park* echoes his young married life, *The Odd Couple* was based on his brother and so on. Simon began his writing career in television, as part of a talented comedy team that included Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner and Woody Allen. All have made an individual mark, with Simon probably *enjoying more popular success than any of them.* It is a pity the programme takes this as read and does not stop to ask why

11.35 Rugby World Cup 91. Highlights of today's games between Argentina and Western Samoa, New Zealand v Italy and France v Canada. Plus a look at the line-up for the quarter-finals

12.20am Cue the Music featuring Aswad in concert (s)

1.25 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s)

2.25 Film: The Bird With the Crystal Plumage (1969) starring Tony Musante and Suzy Kendall. Stylish and quirky thriller about an American writer and his girlfriend on a working holiday in Italy who witness the latest in a series of murders of women. Directed by Dario Argento, who has been called the Italian Hitchcock

4.05 Hodson Confidential. In this last of his series Phillip Hodson discusses the concept of the "New Man"

4.35 Pick of the Week. The best from the regions

5.05 Soap. Madcap comedy concerning the Tate and Campbell families (r)

5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport. Sporting news and features (r) **7.00 Eureeka's Castle.** Cartoons and music for the under-fives **7.30 Alfred J. Kwak.** Adventures of a musical duck **8.00 Starstreet.** Adventures of characters based on the signs of the zodiac **8.30 Kelly.** A police dog and two children in a series of escapades **8.55 New Kids on the Block — On Tour.** Animated adventures of the pop group

9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. Indian drama series. In Hindustani with English subtitles

10.00 Dangerous Lives. The second of two programmes examining safety at work. Why is industrial deafness still the most widespread industrial disability when it was first identified in shipworkers a century ago?

10.45 Dennis. Animated antics of a mischievous boy

11.00 Owl TV. Michaela Strachan meets Jersey Zoo's baby Celebes macaque and a collection of tortoises (r). (Teletext)

11.30 The Lone Ranger (b/w). The masked crusader comes to the aid of a young boy who runs away from home with his pet pony in order to stop his mother from selling it. Starring John Hart

12.00 The Little House on the Prairie. Series based on the books by Laura Ingalls Wilder about a family struggling to make a living on the Kansas plains during the 1880s. Starring Karen Grassle and the late Michael Landon

1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Vintage underwater science fiction adventures, starring David Hedison

Hollywood meets Tolstoy: Greta Garbo, Fredric March (2.00pm)

2.00 Film: Anna Karenina (1935, b/w). Hollywood meets Tolstoy with a riveting performance by Greta Garbo as the wife of a dull Russian aristocrat (Basil Rathbone) who falls for a handsome cavalry officer (Fredric March) and lives to regret it. Child actor Freddie Bartholomew plays Garbo's son. Directed by with great style by Clarence Brown

3.40 Pity the Poor Crocodile. A *Survival* documentary about how, after existing for more than 140 million years in one form or another, 21 of the 23 species of crocodile are now under threat of extinction (r)

4.10 Belgica Magica. A travelogue exploring Belgium's mysterious landscapes (r)

4.25 Family Pride. Drama serial about three Asian families living in the Birmingham area

4.55 News and weather

5.00 Sumo: the London Basho. Live coverage of the last day's bouts from the Albert Hall, presented by Lyall Watson and Charles Palmer

6.00 Press Gang. Children's drama about young journalists of the *Junior Gazette* (r). (Teletext)

6.30 The Cosby Show. The American family sitcom includes a guest appearance by the blues guitarist B.B. King

7.00 Equinox: The Lean Burn Engine. An investigation into the usefulness of the catalytic converter, once hailed as the saviour of clean air and compulsory for cars in many countries. There are now concerns over the increased levels of carbon dioxide the converter produces. (Teletext)

8.00 Last Train to Medicine Hat. The first of four programmes in which *Murray Sayle travels on the final 6,000 mile ride of the Trans-*Canada railroad, beginning in sleepy Sydney, Nova Scotia (r). (Teletext)

8.30 American Football. The featured game is the Cleveland Browns at the Washington Redskins. Plus the Cincinnati Bengals at the Dallas Cowboys

10.00 Film: Blackboard Jungle (1955, b/w) starring Glenn Ford and Sidney Poitier. Classroom drama, introduced by Bill Haley's *Rock Around the Clock*, about a teacher taking on delinquent pupils at a tough New York school. Considered shocking at the time but tame by later standards. Directed by Richard Brooks

11.55 Vietnam Cinema: Brothers and Relations (1988, b/w). Continuing the series of films giving the Vietnamese view of the war with the United States. Sensitive drama about a soldier who returns to his family but finds that, thinking him dead, they have let his room to a stranger. He can find only menial employment while his brother makes a small fortune on the black market. Directed by Dang Viet Bao, Nguyen Huu Luyen and Tran Vu. Ends at **1.35am**

ITV VARIATIONS

BORDER

As London except: 11.35pm Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35am Rugby World Cup 91 1.15 Quiz Night 1.45 Police Precinct 2.45 Film: For the Love of Ada 4.15 Pick of the Week 4.40-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.15am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.15 Film: My Son, My Son! (Brian Aherne, Madeleine Carroll)* 3.20 The ITV Chart Show 4.20 The Concert 5.10-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 2.40pm Coronation Street 3.40 Apple Dolls 4.00 Katie and Dog 4.30 Bullseye 5.00-7.05 Scotsport 11.35 *Prisoner: Cell Block H* 12.35 Rugby World Cup Highlights 1.15 Quiz Night 1.45 Police Precinct 2.45 Film: For the Love of Ada 4.15 Pick of the Week 4.40-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

GRANADA

As London except: 2.40pm Film: Sands of the Desert 4.20-5.20 Coronation Street 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35 Rugby World Cup 91 1.15 Quiz Night 1.45 Police Precinct 2.45 Film: For the Love of Ada 4.15 Pick of the Week 4.40-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

TSW

As London except: 2.40pm TSW Farming Week 3.05 Fisheries News 3.20 The Allied *Leisure Cowes Classic* 3.50-5.20 *Film:* Escape Route* 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35 Rugby World Cup 91 1.15 Quiz Night 1.45 Police Precinct 2.45 Film: For the Love of Ada 4.15 Pick of the Week 4.40-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

TVS

As London except: 12.15am The Human *Factor* 12.45-1.25 *Coast to Coast People*

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.40pm The Back Page 3.10-5.20 Film: The War Lover 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35 Rugby World Cup 91 1.15 Quiz Night 1.45 Police Precinct 2.45 For the Love of Ada 4.15 Pick of the Week 4.40-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

ULSTER

As London except: 2.40pm Pop Profile 2.50 Matlock 3.50 Bullseye 4.20-5.20 Coronation Street 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35 Rugby World Cup 91 1.15 Quiz Night 1.45 Police Precinct 2.45 Film: For the Love of Ada 4.15 Pick of the Week 4.40-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.15am Pick of the Week 12.45 The Munsters Today 1.15 The ITV Chart Show 2.15 Schimanski 4.00 Love American Style 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Alfred J Kwak 8.00 Starstreet 8.30 Kelly 8.55 New Kids on the Block..On Tour 9.25 Wilo The Wisp 9.30 Owl TV 10.00 Now You're Talking 10.50 Bwrw 'Mlaen 11.20 Synchromy 11.30 Little House on the Prairie 12.30 Rygbi — Cwpan Y Byd 5.00 The Golden Girls 5.30 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Newyddion 7.05 Saith Ar Y Sul *7.20 Bwrw'r Sul 8.05 Hel Straeon* 8.35 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.05 Heb Ei Fail 10.20 Ffiniau 10.40 American Football 91-92 12.10 Classic Cars 12.40 Dispatches 1.25 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 10.35am Deutsch Direkt 11.00 Viaje al Espanol 11.15 Morning Service 12.00 The Human Jigsaw 12.25 Trading Places 12.50 Marketplace 1.20 Booklines 1.50 News 2.00 Dunhill Golf 4.25 Bugs Bunny 4.35 Life Goes On 5.30 Head to Toe 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One Sunday 6.30 Scoil Amach an Bobailin 7.00 The Wonder Years 7.25 School Around the Corner 8.00 Where In the World 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.20 An Eye on the Music 10.20 Rich Tea and Sympathy 11.15 Alfred Hitchcock Presents *11.40 News 11.45 Close*

NETWORK 2

Starts: 9.35am Sesame Street 10.35 David the Gnome 11.00 The Beat Box 12.45 World Cup Rugby 2.35 Racing from the Curragh 4.45 World Cup Rugby 5.55 Fair City 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Northern Exposure 8.00 News 8.05 Carrolls RTE Proms 9.10 Film: Portrait of Jennie 10.45 World Cup Rugby 11.40 Close

Rendell Mystery (ITV 7.45pm)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Hour of Power 11.30 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00 The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 All American Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 6.00 Hey Dad *5.30 Hart to Hart 6.30 The Simpsons* 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 North and South: Book One 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am News Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.30 Holiday Destinations 12.30pm FT Business Weekly 1.30 Target 2.30 Roving Report 3.30 FT Business Weekly 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Roving Report 7.30 FT Business Weekly 8.30 Target 9.00 World News Tonight 10.30 Roving Report 11.30 FT Business Weekly 12.30am Target 1.30 FT Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 *Health Circuit* 5.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00-8.00am Showcase
8.00 The Trials of the Incredible Hulk (1989): The Hulk teams up with Daredevil to fight a gangster. Starring Bill Bixby, Lou Ferrigno
10.00 Caddyshack 2 (1988): Comedy starring Jackie Mason, Chevy Chase and Dan Aykroyd
12.00 Big Man On Campus (1990): A hunchback falls in love with a young student. Starring Corey Parker, Allan Katz
2.00 Stand and Deliver (1988): A hispanic teacher takes on the education system. Starring Edward James
4.00 Dakota (1988): Romance starring Diamond Phillips, DeeDee Norton
6.00 Whitney Houston in Concert Whitney Huston's Spanish concert
7.40 Projector
8.00 Brutal Glory (1989): The life of a champion boxer in New York in 1918. Starring Robert Vaughn, Timothy Brantley
10.00 Phantom of the Opera (1989): Fresh faced phantom is on the rampage. Starring *Robert Englund, Jill Scoelen*
11.45 The Fly II (1989): Strange mutations begin to happen when a boy reaches his teens. Starring Eric Stoltz
1.30am The Cage (1989): Brain damaged Vietnam veteran becomes a prize fighter in the brutal sport of cage fighting. Starring Lou Ferrigno
3.10 Warbirds (1989): A graduate at a flying school prepares for a dangerous mission
4.35 The Blue Iguana (1988): A bounty hunter teams up with a private eye in order to recover 20 million dollars. Starring Dylan McDermott, Jessica Harper

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15 Johnny Allegro (1945): A reformed racketeer helps the police trap a gang. Starring George Raft, Nina Foch, George Macready, Will Geer
6.15 Oh Rosalinda (1955): A playboy in Vienna decides to play a practical joke on four army officers with the help of their wives. Starring Anton Walbrook
10.00 King Rat (1965): Allied POWs fight to survive a Japanese war camp. Starring George Segal, Tom Courtenay, James Fox
12.25pm How to Marry a Millionaire (1953): Three Manhattan girls go husband hunting, but only husbands with very healthy bank balances will do. Starring Marilyn Monroe, Betty Grable, Lauren Bacall
2.15 Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown (1989): A famous actor dies and Columbo investigates a cunning dentist. Starring Peter Falk
4.15 18 Again (1988): George Burns stars as the old man who wants to be his grandson. Also with Charlie Schlatter
6.10 Silent Voice (1987). A boy stands up against nuclear weapons, and eventually meets the US president. Starring Alex English, Jamie Lee Curtis
8.10 Glory (1989): Historical drama set in the American civil war. Starring Denzel Washington Matthew Broderick
10.15 For Queen and Country (1988). A black soldier returns from the Falklands to a London council estate. Starring Denzel Washington
12.05 Perfect Witness (1989): A restaurant owner is witness to a mafia killing but is too scared to testify. Starring Aidan Quinn
1.50 The Forgotten (1989): After 17 years in a Vietnam POW camp, six green berets travel to Europe for deprogramming. Starring Keith Carradine, Steve Railsback
3.30 Under the World (1986): A family of polish jews is forced to live in a small underground bunker for two years during the war. Starring Sergio Renan

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

● Via the Astra satellites.
4.00pm Cheaper by the Dozen 6.00 Car 54, Where are You? 6.30 The Monkees 7.00 In Living Colour 7.30 The Goodies 8.00 Carry on Laughing 8.30 The Comedy Company *8.30 The Sunday Comics* 10.30 *Moonlighting* 11.00 The Burns & Allen Show

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo Satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 Fishing the West 7.30 watersports World 8.30 Assignment adventure 9.30 World of adventure 10.30 Red Line 11.30 WWF Wrestling 1.00pm Australian Rules Football 3.30 Italian League Football 5.30 Red Line 8.00 Live British Rugby League 9.00 Scottish League Football 10.00 Italian League Football 12.00 British Rugby League

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Aerobics 8.30 Trans World Sport 9.30 Berlin Marathon 10.30 Gol 11.00 Boxing 12.00 Fun Magazine 12.30pm Live Indoor Tennis 1.30 Rhythmic Gymnastics 6.00 Supercross 7.30 Cycling 8.30 Rhythmic Gymnastics 10.00 Supercross 11.00 Seven Days of Sport

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.10am Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 8.00 Indy Car 9.00 Rugby World Cup 10.00 American College Footbal 12.00 Volvo PGA Golf Tour 12.45 Live Rugby world Cup 2.45 Live Rugby world Cup 4.30 Live Rugby world Cup 6.25 Volvo PGA Golf Tour 8.00 Volvo PGA Golf Tour 9.00 Revs 9.30 Rugby World Cup 10.30 International Three Day Eventing 11.30 Gillette World Sport Special 12.00 Matchroom Pro Box

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00pm Annie Oakley 12.30 The Smothers Brothers 1.00 White shadow 1.55 Power *Hits USA 2.50 Spain Spain* 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 American Gameshows 5.30 Green Hornet 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

RADIO 3

6.55pm Weather

7.00 Morning Concert. Walton, arr Mathieson (Suite, Richard III: RLPO under Charles Groves); Haydn (Baryton Trio No 110 in C: Esterhazy Trio); de Falla (Dance of the Miller's Wife: Alicia de Larrocha, piano)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert. Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in C, RV 533: Janet See: Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra under McGegan); Dvořák (Slavonic Dance, Op 72 No 6: Rheinland Pfalz State PO under Segerstam); Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor, Op 54: *Maurizio* Pollini, piano, Berlin PO under Abbado); Bach (Wir eilen mit schwachen, Cantata No 78: Bach Ensemble under Rifkin); **8.30** News

8.35 The Compleat Capellmeister. Bach (Motet, Ich lasse dich nicht: Collegium Vocale Ghent, *Ricercar* Consort under Herreweghe); Schildt (Variations on Gleich wie dass Feuer); Buxtehude (Aria Rofilis: Lars-Ulrick Mortensen, harpsichord); Georg Christoph Bach (Cantata, Siehe, wie fein und lieblich: soloists, Musica Antiqua Köln under Reinhard Goebel); Bruhns (Prelude in E minor: Bernard Foccroulle, organ); Buxtehude (Cantata, Mein gemüt erfreuet sich: soloists, Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra under Koopman)

9.15 Melos Ensemble under del Mar, performs Milhaud (Suite for violin, clarinet *and piano*); Stravinsky (The Soldier's Tale, 1983)

10.15 Music Weekly

11.00 A Dutch Retrospect. Rotterdam PO under Jacques van Steen performs (Elgar (Overture, Cockaigne); *Vaughan Williams* (The Lark Ascending); Walton (Capriccio burlesco); Bax (Tintagel); Britten (The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra); *Maxwell* Davies (An Orkney Wedding, with Sunrise)

12.45pm Japan Season: Table Talk in Japan. Alan Brown eats some raw fish; **1.00** News

1.05 Your Concert Choice with Paul Guinery. Elgar (Sursum Corda, Op 11: LSO under Richard Hickox); Alkan (Sonatine, Op 61); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 3 in G minor, K 216: Gyorgy Pauk, Franz Liszt CO *under Rolla*); Noble (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G minor, Op 6: Christopher Dearnley, organ, Choir of St Paul's Cathedral under John Scott); Alfén (Suite, The Prodigal Son: Stockholm PO under Järvi)

2.30 York Early Music Festival 1991: Favola in Musica. Consort of Musicke, director Anthony *Rooley perform*, Orazio Vecchi (Bando del Asino, Lacaccia d'amore); Dowland (Sleep Wayward Thoughts); Purcell (Celemene, Pray Tell Me); Lawes (Amintor's Welladay); Matthew locke (The Chamberlain's Farewell); Purcell (I Spy Celia); *Locke (The Despairing Lovers)*

3.40 Poet of the Month. Ken Smith reads *Family Group; The Swan*

3.50 BBC PO under Sanderling, perform Bruckner (Symphony No 7)

5.00 Japan Season: The Japanese Ear. Three documentaries exloring the contemporary art *musics* of *Japan*

6.00 The Christian Hope. Recorded at Edingdon Priory Church.

7.00 Japan Season: Yabuhara. The Blind Master Minstrel

● CHOICE. Ned Chaillet, who directed Marguerite Wells's English version of Hisashi Inoue's sadistically funny play about a sightless villain (Roger Allam) who rapes, murders and extorts his way almost to the top of the 18th century heap, says his production could be termed "rough radio" because his chorus *also supply most of the sound* effects, from temple bells to clinking coins. If it *is* rough, then it most certainly is ready, too — radio drama that sets a torch to our imagination and thumps us in the belly. Terrific acting all round, and full-blooded story-telling from John Woodvine

9.00 Japan Season: The Takemitsu Signature. LSO under Tilson Thomas performs Stravinsky (Symphony in Three Movements); Takemitsu (Quotation of Dream); **9.50** Interval Reading **9.55** Debussy *(Jeux, La Mer)*

10.50 J C Bach (Harpsichord Concerto in F minor: Heuguette Dreifus

11.15 Japan Season: The Japanese Envoys. The second of six programmes following four Japanese princes on a tour through Europe

12.00-12.05am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.30** Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday (s) **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your *Farm* **7.40** Sunday Religious news and views, incl **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** The Week's Good Cause **8.55** Weather

9.00 News

9.10 Sunday Papers

9.15 Letter from America By Alistair Cooke (r)

9.30 Morning Service

10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition

11.15 News Stand. A review of magazines and periodicals with Martin Wainwright

11.30 Pick of the Week With Chris Serle (r) (s)

12.15pm Desert Island Discs. Film-maker John Schlesinger talks to Sue Lawley and chooses eight records (s) **12.55pm** Weather

1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55pm** Shipping Forecast

2.00pm News; Gardeners' Question Time

2.30pm Sunday Playhouse: The *Wide-Brimmed Hat. The late* Michael Wall's Sony Award-winning play (s) (r)

4.00pm News; Analysis: The Mind Behind the Cross. Peter Hennessy considers the accuracy and influence of national opinion polls (r)

4.47pm Time for Verse. Edwin Morgan reads at the Galway Festival and talks to Carol Ann Duffy (s)

5.00pm News; Down Your Way. On the second leg of his journey to the Isles, Ludovic Kennedy takes the ferry over the sea to Skye

5.40pm Tales of a Dragon Watcher. On a beach in Wales, Roger Worsley crunches about among our most distant ancestors (r) **5.50pm** Shipping Forecast **5.55pm** Weather

6.00pm Six O'Clock News

6.15pm The Village. Nigel Farrell presents a series reflecting the life of Bentley, a small rural community in Hampshire (s) (r)

6.30pm Up to the Neck in It

● CHOICE. Carol Trewin's documentary won't have had reporters queueing up to work on it. Therefore, some kind of bravery award would be in order for Anna Grayson. She attends Muck '91, a national event for farmers, and watches the muck-spreaders at work and sees the farm waste processing machines turning the unspeakable brown soup into something saleably different, proving yet again that where there's muck, there's brass. Not all the farmers interviewed by Grayson chose their words delicately. One describes the smelly stuff as his bread and butter

7.00pm In Business: You Never Got Poor By... Peter Day meets David Sullivan, whose tabloid paper *The Sport* is published daily from this week (r)

7.30pm Bookshelf. Margaret Atwood talks to Nigel Forde (r)

8.00pm A Hack in the Borders. Dylan Winter journeys down the English-Welsh border (s) (r)

8.30pm Enterprise 91. Hugh Sykes introduces businesses that have entered the *Radio Times/Radio 4 Enterprise 91* Awards. Buzzlift, the brainchild of a Pembroke Dockman, uses air power to raise 24-ton trailers. A Hartlepool trawlerman's son has entered his steel mesh Staks lobster creels

9.00pm The Natural History Programme (r)

9.30pm Special Assignment (r)

9.59pm Weather

10.00pm News

10.15pm The Weaver of Time. Kevin Crossley-Holland presents an appreciation of writer George Mackay Brown, who is 70 this week (s)

11.00pm A Perspective for Living. Bel Mooney talks to six people about how death has changed their lives (s) (r)

11.30pm Seeds of Faith. The Rt Rev Peter Firth presents reflections on the poetry of R S Thomas (s)

12.00 News, incl **12.20am** Weather **12.33am** Shipping Forecast

12.43am World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops presented by Alan Freeman 2.30 Phillip Schofield 4.30 The *Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Back By Public Demand: Featuring Simple Minds* 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00am Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allan: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don Maclean says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Richard Baker 11.00 Desmond Carrington 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell 4.00 They Called Me Al: the life and work of singer Al Bowly 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Black Magic 7.45 A Musical Pot Pourri 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00 Alan Keith 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Stars of the 60s 1.00 John Terrett with Night Ride 3.00 A Little *Night Music*

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 2.00pm.6.00am World Service 6.30 Meridian Reports 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Sunday Edition With Barry Johnston 8.00 Johnnie Walker with This Family Business 10.30 Education Matters presented by Helen Madden 11.00 Business on the Move: A 13-part series about the state of business around the nation 11.30 The Day Before Yesterday: Annie Nightingale talks to actor Peter Dean 12.05 Open University 12.25 Radio GOSH 2.00 Sunday Sport Extra With John Inverdale New Zealand v Italy3.00. Plus Dunhill Cup golf from St Andrews 5.00 Trainers: A six-part series examining the role of sports coaching 5.30 Black Museum: The Shoe 6.00 Sport; Talking Poetry 6.30 Great Expectations (Part 2) 7.00 Sport 7.15 Euromix with Robert Elms 8.00 When in Spain 8.30 France Extra! 9.00 Deutsch Direkt! 9.30 Dragnet 10.00 Across the Line The Irish scene, with Mike Edgar. (including 11.00 Sport) 12.00-12.10 News and Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST.5.30am World Business Review 5.40 Travel & Weather News 5.45 News & Press Review in German 6.00 German Features 6.24 News in German 6.30 Europe This Weekend 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Londres Matin 7.59 Weather *8.00 News 8.09 24 hours: News Summary 8.30 From Our* Own Correspondent 8.50 Write On... 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music With Matthew 10.00 News 10.05 Business review 10.15 Short Story: My Uncle The Bat 10.30 B-Side Beat 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Science in Action 11.30 In Praise of God 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Londres Midi 12.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.59 Weather 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Play Of The Week: The Horse's Mouth 2.00 Newshour 3.01 Eastern Approaches 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 World News 4.15 Concert Hall 5.00 News 5.09 News About Britain 5.15 BBC English 5.30 News in German 5.40 German features 5.59 Travel News 6.00 News & Business Review 6.15 Club 648 6.30 Londres Soir 7.14 BBC English 7.30 News in German 7.40 German features *8.54 News in German* 9.00 World News and Business Review 9.15 Londres Derniere 9.30 Europe Tonight 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Folk in Britain 11.20 Meridian 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05 World Business Review 12.15 Letter from America 12.30 Eastern Approaches 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 In Praise of God 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Opera of the Week: The Gipsy Baron 2.45 Cole Porter Among Friends 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Composer of the Month: Maurice Ravel 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Anything Goes 5.00 Newsdesk

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In pursuit of trendy British tradition

By Liz Smith
Fashion Editor

INTERNATIONAL fashioo collections, which opened in Milan this week, moved to London yesterday brioging these three creatioos from the Caroline Charles spring-summer 1992 collectioo: from left to right, a short silk dress with layered cutaway skirt; black and white spots for a side-wrapped jacket with matching spotted bag; and Forties glamour of crisp white lapels on a short, striped jacket with white trousers.

A schedule of 20 catwalk parades and a trade exhibition in the Duke of York's barracks on the King's Road is attempting to restore to London its reputation as the trend-setting capital of the world, a task made difficult this seasoo with retailers battling against the recession.

The opening shows successfully spanned the extremes of style for which British fashion is known, from Caroline Charles's crisp, colourful suits io embossed cottoo with striped, sequinned T-shirts to the anarchic, youthful fashions by Red or Dead and John Richmond.

Tomasz Starzewski, a favourite with the younger set in British high society, led by the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York, staged a lively collection of the sort of Audrey Hepburn-style dresses and coats that will brighten the social season in 1992.

Caroline Charles creates pretty, tailored, day clothes and the sort of understated evening dresses that sell well in this country and Japan. She opened her show with swimsuits in shimmering sequins worn with picture hats. The smartest outfit of all was the last, a bride in a simple white trouser suit with a sequinned vest.

DENZEL McNEELANCE

Weinstock rules out hostile BAe bid

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foreign hands. But we have no desire to dominate it, only to collaborate with it. We want to work even closer with them and we cannot do that if they are weak. We have said that we want to do whatever is possible to help them be strong."

Dick Evans, BAe chief executive, welcomed the public clarification. "I think it is helpful that he is prepared to make a statement of this sort," he said, "but I am not surprised to hear Arnold's comments, particularly given the strength of BAe's military aerospace business. GEC, in their defence business, are very heavily dependent for a large part of their order book on sales to us."

Shares in BAe closed down 7p at 371p yesterday, 9p below the offer price for the £432 million rights issue.

Market makers said Smith New Court had beeo selling BAe shares heavily.

Jurgen Schrempp, chairman of Deutsche Aerospace, ruled out any bid for BAe a week ago. "We are industrialists, and we are oot here to invest money as financiers," he said. Daimler-Benz, the parent of DASA, already co-operates with BAe in the production of the Tornado warplane and the development of the European Fighter Aircraft, the Tornado's successor.

Aerospatiale and Thomson-CSF, the French state-owned defence and electronic groups, have also ruled out any interest in taking part in a consortium bid for BAe.

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Conference sketch

Sshh! It's only you-know-who

FORGET log cabin to White House, it's Coldharbour Lane to Downing Street now. Deftly, Mr Major exorcised the phantom of a privatised NHS by placing his own bonour and his own boyhood in testimooy before us. It was a dull hour in a dull day: but that passage took, and carried, the weight of an anxious week.

The speech was preceeded, for your sketch writer, by a small personal fright. I was waiting on the fringes when before me appeared the prime minister himself, face to face and inches away. He looked me in the eyes, raised a finger to his lips, and hissed "sshh!". Then he slid off. He and the platform party were descending into the hall by stealth.

It set the tone. This was the speech by sshh ... you-know-who. By nature unhistrionic, and advised by voice-tutors that he sounds silly when he tries to shout, the speech was possibly the longest sustained murmur in political history.

But it did the trick.

Haunted by a clutch of spectres in his political attic, Mr Major tiptoed up to each successively, said a small but firm "boo" to every one, and passed through them unscathed.

There had been a feeling of suspense in the Winter Gardens all week. Mr and Mrs Major appeared on the platform. The suspense broke. All cheered. He looked happy and relaxed. They looked adoring. Out came the flags and balloons. More cheering.

And the speech itself, when it came, seemed almost a postscript to that, which was lucky because much of it was inaudible.

Mr Major went straight for the number one spectre. "We owe Margaret a great debt". A big cheer, and that, really, was that. Phew!

Next came the NHS spectre. He gripped this one politely by its lapels and told it it didn't exist, or he wasn't John Major-Ball from Brixton. The ghost shimmered and melted. Phew!

A less tangible ghost had been howling all week: Europe. Mr Major ducked through the Euro-shrouds and emerged to assure us that there was nothing to worry about. We were almost convinced. Almost. Phew!

Finally he sidled up to two cheeky phantoms of the sneering sort: the ones who crack jokes about how grey and boring he is and how undistinguished his school record. Mr Major simply laughed at this pair, and made a joke of his own about his suits, and another about his education. His audience took this as proof that their leader feels less defensive these days, and laughed with relief. Phew, phew! There was the "vision", too, of course — a couple of paragraphs mercifully reconciling classlessness with inherited advantage and wanting a second Sierra. Then, after a couple of sound-bites well, sound-nibbles, really — it was over.

Except for the cheering, foot stomping, Land of Hope and Glorying, etc. "He's jolly nice and decent isn't he?" whispered the lady next to me. Quietly, Mr Major is building a very serviceable myth: "slow and steady wins the race". Our misty, rain-soaked folk-consciousness instinctively supports the Tortoise against the Hare, and Robert the Bruce's spider which tried, tried, and tried again; we prefer the still waters which run deep, a stitch in time which saves nine, and the pennies which add up to pounds. Mr Major is turning into the sort of improving lesson that little girls embroider on to tapestry.

MATTHEW PARRIS

● *A collection of Matthew Parris's parliamentary, conference and other sketches, So Far So Good, has just been published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson.*

Accused candidate condemns 'Kafkaesque' hearing

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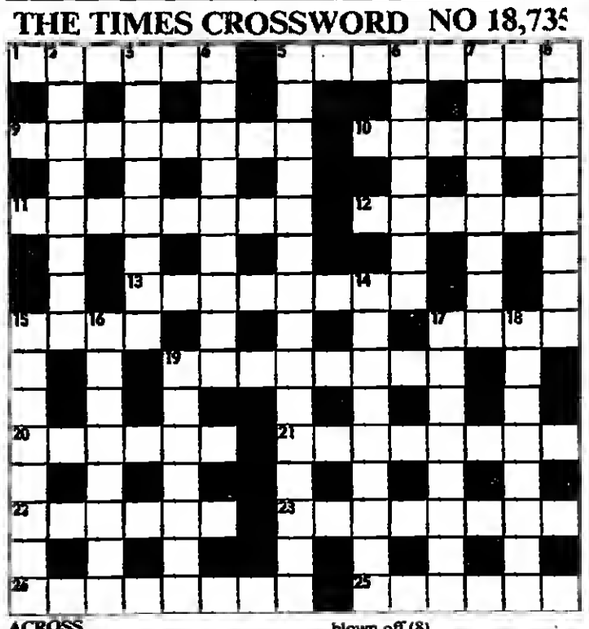
Thomas was chairman. Ms Wright has alleged that Mr Thomas behaved in an "annoying and obnoxious" manner by askiog her to go out with him and asking her about the size of her breasts. Some Republican supporters of Mr Bush's nominee tried to dismiss Ms Wright's allegations as retaliation for her dismissal from the commission. Some Democrats, who have tried to defeat him because they dislike his views on abortion, said they were prepared to hear her.

To clear his name, Judge Thomas delivered a stinging attack on the confirmation process for political appointments and criticised liberal interest groups suspected of leaking Ms Hill's charges to the media from confidential papers.

"Confirm me if you want. Don't confirm me if you are so led," he said in a statement prepared with no help from the White House handlers who coached him through his earlier appearances before Congress. "But no joh is worth this. I want my life and my family's life back and I want them returned expeditiously. This is not American," he said. "This is Kafkaesque. It has got to stop."

The charges of sexual harassment have become such an issue that CNN's correspondent announced on air it was "worth reminding people that the issue here is whether Clarence Thomas should be confirmed to the Supreme Court". Mr Thomas, a federal appeals court judge, grew up in poverty in Georgia and went on to study law at Yale. He said "no horror in my life", including bigotry and racism, was worse than the past two weeks since the FBI came to his home and told him that Ms Hill had accused him of sexual harassment.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,735



ACROSS

1 Sauce displayed by jazz enthusiasts appearing for trial (6).
5 Tradesman that's initially unwilling to be limited by creditor (8).
9 Replaced first-class pine with a minute tree (8).
10 Sharks in harbours? (6).
11 Written record io a London columo (8).
12 Collier, the old PM's sound valet (6).
13 A new café lacking a place for waiters (8).
15 Sly look of Republican general at the front (4).
17 Scottish engineer taking water from French painter (4).
19 Border fort in chaos before the first signs of enemy raids (8).
20 King wearing Roman histnrian's distinctive clothing (6).
21 Capricious little creature nursing injured tail (8).
22 No right to share the medicine (6).
23 Curious, during tea break, to indulge in deep thought (8).
24 Descent from pier edge wheo blown off (8).
25 Directioos given by an ascetic in the old days (6).

DOWN

2 It's something like a lounge, a fanciful design (8).
3 Extraordinary individual! (8).
4 Two women said it's used to form syntheuic fibres (9).
5 Precise reference io canons io dean's novel upset priest (7,3,5).
6 Man crossing ancient city is in the travel industry (7).
7 One moans in the throes of sleeplessness (8).
8 Booming old thiog talking about a collection of books (8).
14 I become angry about member upholding gold standard (9).
15 Sort of traffic man giving money, say, io father (8).
16 Noble eastern city largely accepting a form of taxation (8).
17 Literary work with bands round it (8).
18 Material for caustic article about the French (8).
19 Roll up oo horse, it beiog some distance (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,729

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

PIRNIE
a. A female pixie
b. A striped woollen nightcap
c. A child's whipping top

LEKYTHOS
a. An Albanian coin
b. A narrow-necked flask
c. A Levantine single-masted frigate

DIAPIR
a. A nappy pin
b. An anticlinal fold in rock
c. The young tapir

CAATINGA
a. Brazilian white forest
b. A Hawaiian catamaran
c. A wild Russian dance

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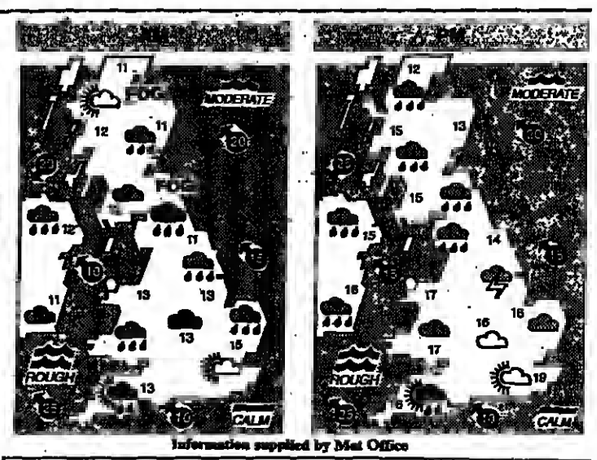
The winners of last Saturday's competition are: J Brewster, Kenilworth, Great Lumley, Chester-le-Street, Co Durham; A J Ralton, Mill House, Kellaways, Chippenham; D C Davies, Mauldeth Rd West, Manchester; J F Neaves, Furnleaze, Clutton, Bristol; A E Roger Allter, Clare Rd, Whitstable, Kent.

WEATHER

Heavy rain with thunder in places over northern, central and southern England, Northern Ireland and Wales will move northwards to reach Scotland by the afternoon. Central and southeast England and eastern parts of Wales will become brighter, as will northern districts later in the day. Showers with thunder will continue in the southwest. Outlook: showers or longer periods of rain in many parts.



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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; f=fog; s=sunny; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud, r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	c	Malaga	18	64	f
Akrotiri	26	79	s	Malta	26	79	f
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Algiers	25	77	f	Mexico C*	16	61	c
Amst'dm	19	66	s	Miami*	28	82	f
Athens	24	75	f	Milan	16	61	c
Bahrain	32	90	s	Montreal*	12	54	c
Bangkok	31	88	f	Moscow	14	57	s
Barcelna	21	70	f	Munich	14	57	s
Beirut	25	77	s	Nairobi	28	82	c
Belgrade	22	72	s	Naples	27	81	s
Berlin	18	64	s	N Delhi	32	90	s
Bermuda*	25	77	c	N York*	21	70	f
Biarritz	20	68	f	Nice	21	70	f
Borde'x	17	63	f	Oslo	9	48	c
Brussels	20	68	s	Paris	17	63	r
Budapst	16	61	c	Peking	23	73	s
B Aires*	26	79	s	Perth	24	75	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Prague	14	57	c
Cape Tn	18	64	f	Reykjavik	6	43	f
Chicago*	18	64	c	Rhodes	23	73	s
Ch'church	12	54	s	Rio de J	27	81	f
Cologne	20	68	s	Riyadh	37	99	s
C'phagn	16	61	s	Rome	25	77	s
Corfu	25	77	s	Salzburg	17	63	s
Dublin	14	57	c	S Fr'isco*	24	75	s
Faro	17	63	f	Santiago*	18	66	s
Florence	21	70	f	S Paulo*	20	68	c
Frankfurt	18	64	s	Seoul	25	77	s
Funchal	21	70	f	Sing'por	28	82	f
Geneva	15	59	s	St'kholm	8	46	fg
Gibraltar	17	63	r	Strasb'rg	16	61	s
Helsinki	9	48	c	Sydney	19	66	s
Hong K	27	81	f	Tangier	18	61	c
Innsbruck	19	66	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Istanbul	21	70	f	Tenerife	24	75	c
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tokyo	17	63	r
Jo'burg*	19	66	f	Toronto*	15	59	s
L Palmas	22	72	c	Tunis	27	81	c
Le Tquet	20	68	s	Valencia	21	70	f
Lisbon	17	63	r	Vanc'ver*	16	61	s
Locarno	15	59	c	Venice	18	64	f
London	19	66	s	Vienna	13	55	c
L Angeles*	27	81	s	Warsaw	19	66	s
Luxembg	18	64	s	Wash'ton*	23	73	s
Luxor	33	91	s	Wel'mton	11	52	c
Madrid	14	57	c	Zurich	12	54	c
Majorca	22	72	f				

* denotes figures are latest available

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F), min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.3 hr

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

ROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.09	12	54	drizzle
Anglesey	4.7	0.11	16	61	bright
Aviemore	3.8	0.02	15	59	bright
Belfast	0.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Bournemouth	1.3	-	18	64	cloudy
Bristol	-	0.06	18	64	cloudy
Buxton	-	0.03	13	55	cloudy
Cardiff	0.1	0.02	16	61	cloudy
Edinburgh	-	0.06	13	55	fog
Eskdalemuir	0.1	0.03	13	55	drizzle
Jersey	0.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Kinloss	0.5	0.03	13	55	cloudy
Leeds	-	-	15	59	dull
Penzance	1.9	0.04	16	61	rain
Plymouth	0.5	0.19	15	59	rain
Poole	1.9	-	18	64	cloudy
Scarborough	-	-	13	55	fog
Scilly Isles	1.8	0.14	15	59	rain
Shanklin	2.1	-	18	64	cloudy
Southsea	1.9	0.01	16	64	cloudy
Teignmouth	-	0.25	16	61	rain
Tenby	-	0.04	16	61	drizzle
Tiree	0.6	-	14	57	cloudy
Torquay	0.7	0.57	16	61	thundr
Wick	-	-	12	54	drizzle
Worthing	2.4	-	18	64	bright

Thursday's figures are latest available.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Honington, Suffolk, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Torquay, Devon, 0.57 in; highest sunshine: Aspatria, Cumbria, 8.3 hr.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.24	2.0
Austria Sch	21.45	19.95
Belgium Fr	62.70	58.70
Canada $	2.05	1.90
Denmark Kr	11.73	10.96
Finland Mkk	7.47	7.04
France Fr	10.34	9.64
Germany Dm	3.04	2.84
Greece Dr	336	318
Hong Kong $	13.90	12.90
Ireland Pt	1.134	1.064
Italy Lira	2275	2125
Japan Yen	239.50	221.50
Netherlands Gld	3.42	3.20
Norway Kr	11.85	11.15
Portugal Esc	260.50	242.50
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.70
Spain Pta	190.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	11.12	10.37
Switzerland Fr	2.65	2.46
Turkey Lira	8700	7980
USA $	1.81	1.695
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40

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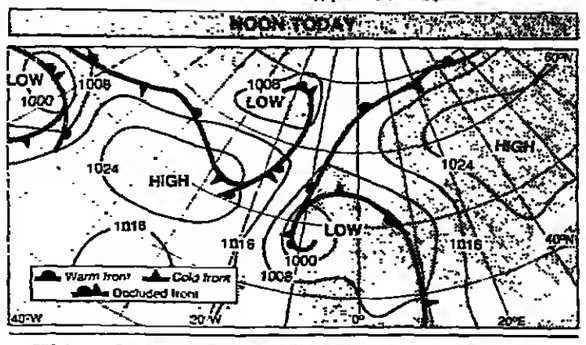

TODAY: Sun rises: 7.19 am. Sun sets: 6.15 pm. Moon rises: 12.48 pm. Moon sets: 8.15 pm. First Quarter October 15

TOMORROW: Sun rises: 7.20 am. Sun sets: 6.13 pm. Moon rises: 1.40 pm. Moon sets: 9.09 pm. First Quarter October 15

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John Bell

WEEKEND MONEY

Back home

Yesterday was a day for missing conferences. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, missed the Conservative party conference celebrations of the latest fall in the rate of inflation from 4.7 to 4.1 per cent. He was on a plane to Bangkok, where leading finance ministers are meeting to talk about aid to the Soviet Union. Unfortunately, the Soviet delegation was not in the Thai capital, but back in Moscow hammering out the details of economic union between the constituent republics.....Page 23

Iain Vallance, BT chairman, is used to dealing in big numbers. The number he was handling yesterday, 16,000, was of jobs to go over 18 months, bringing a gloomy end to a depressing week on the jobs front.....Page 22

Home help

The Halifax will refund some of the initial cost of buying a house by repaying part of the mortgage indemnity premium if borrowers move within five years.....Page 29

Bonus fears

Hundreds of Scottish Mutual policyholders are in danger of missing out on a bonus worth thousands of pounds, which is due to be paid next year.....Page 26

Estates survey

Most people inherit estates below the threshold for inheritance tax, a survey finds. This is still likely to be the case in 2025.....Page 27

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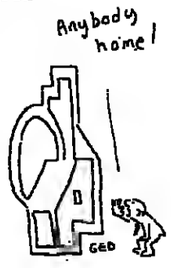


The chief executive of Nationwide Building Society, invites customers wishing to make complaints to write to him personally. A reader calls for ordinary savers and borrowers to be represented on the Nationwide board.

Clearer picture

Independent Television Commissioners are at last to decide which television companies will win the regional franchises. Wednesday is the big day.....Tempus, page 22

Sad redundancy

Sir John Cuckney, chairman of 3i, the venture capital group, described a fellow director's departure as "not a resignation but a sad, senior redundancy".....Page 22

Fox's tale

An internal review carried out at the London Fox futures market shows a series of cash payments to artificially lift trading.....Page 23

Deborah Germain and her husband, Neil, who took out a fixed-rate £61,000 mortgage 18 months ago, now face a £4,600 penalty if they transfer to a different lender to take advantage of a cheaper offer.....Page 27

Gains reduced

Eight cuts in the bank base rates in the past year have reduced gains for building society savers by up to 25 per cent. Unit trusts offer an alternative.....Page 30

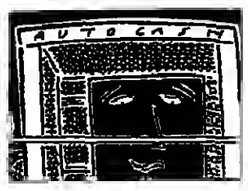
Peps push

The possibility that a Labour government may abolish personal equity plans is being used to urge more investors to take out a Pep before the general election.....Page 29

European trusts

Fidelity has launched the first in a series of new investment trusts. Investment will focus on stocks in continental Europe.....Page 29

Secret payouts



Banks secretly compensate thousands of people a year for disputed cash dispenser withdrawals, even although they will never admit publicly that such phantom withdrawals exist. They say the payments are to keep the goodwill of customers. Many more customers, however, are refused these payments and feel they are being treated like thieves.....Page 25

WEEK ENDING
Matthew Bond

Links in the chain gang

Malcom Rifkind is a man familiar with adversity. As a Conservative in Scotland, he has to be. But even he must be alarmed by the storm that has blown up in the wake of the Western Samoan-like encounter with Michael Heseltine that apparently convinced him to link the leafy boulevards of Paris with the definitely unleafy London suburb of Stratford-upon-Lea.

The criticism in particular centres on the transport secretary's suggestion that the £4 billion needed to build the high-speed rail link to the Channel tunnel should be provided by the private sector. Given that two years of recession has left the private sector distinctly short of spare billions, Mr Rifkind is clearly an optimist.

Those inclined to call him something rather less polite had been provided with ample ammunition two days earlier by Eurotunnel, the problem-ridden pioneer of private sector infrastructure development. Perhaps anticipating the body blow the transport secretary was poised to deliver to his beloved Channel tunnel,

Sir Alastair Morton painted a black picture of delays, cost over-runs and postponed dividends.

But *Week Ending* believes there is an alternative solution to the problem of private sector involvement. After all, it was not very many years ago that the punishment for a wide range of misdemeanours was a prolonged, often very prolonged, period sweltering under a burning sun as a member of a chain gang. So, given this government's continuing enthusiasm for self-regulation, anyone linked to the merest whiff of financial scandal could be immediately dispatched for a character-improving, subsidy-busting period wielding a pick-axe on the Rainham Marshes.

By providing brains as well as brawn, the rail link might actually get finished. Particularly useful would be Mark Blundell, who this week departed as chief executive of the London Futures and Options Exchange. Part of the rail link's viability depends on selling property at enhanced values, so experience of property trading could win early parole.

Infrastructure projects such as railways need investors able to take the long-term view. At this, of course, there are none better than the Japanese. Although there are no candidates for the chain gang from Nomura's London office, a number of their colleagues in Tokyo could be in for a short, sharp, six-week transfer to Kent. How much of a shock this would prove, however, is debatable as all those involved are known to be railway enthusiasts.

A sure way to speed up work would be to sentence Lord Young — fresh from this week's mauling in absentia in the European Court — to an indefinite stretch, making his release conditional on him somehow finding the government funds to make the project pay.

But of course, in a party conference week that saw Chancellor Lamont admit that all governments make mistakes, it would be no surprise to see the rear of the chain gang being brought up by the muscular figure of "lifer" Lawson, muttering that if base rates had stayed at 7.5 per cent a high-speed link to John O'Groats would have been viable. Now, where's that whip?

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BUSINESS PROFILE: Lord Weinstock

Electric lord on a short fuse

The head of GEC has a reputation for being tough, mean and rude.

Carol Leonard discovers the reality

Every morning after breakfast, Lord Weinstock of Bowden, managing director of The General Electric Company and one of Britain's longest-serving captains of industry, shuts himself in his dressing room, puts on an operatic compact disc and turns up the volume so high that it could be a live performance.

As he listens, he will sporadically wave either his toothbrush or razor in the air, conducting. If it is an emotional piece, tears will stream down his face. His choice of opera will vary with his mood. For the past week he has been listening to *William Tell*. "It's a very beautiful opera, all about hunting," says Lord Weinstock. "The fight for Swiss independence. You hear the hunting horn over and over again."

He laughs at any analogy drawn between this renewed interest in hunting horns and the steely eye he is known to have been keeping on British Aerospace, one of GEC's main customers. "We don't deal in companies," he says. "We are in electrical and electronic engineering, and looking to increase our efficiency. I don't approve of raising money to plunder other companies. If, by buying a company, we could increase our efficiency, that would be different."

He disapproves of the very concept of a conglomerate. "Eventually they all fall to bits." His ambition is to create a business "that will last forever".

Lord Weinstock, aged 67, is known for his outspoken, often unfashionable opinions, for his dislike, verging on distrust, of both politicians and the City. "I am not a City man," he says. "We have never issued shares, we have never had to borrow." Reluctantly, he elaborates. "It is not a place where I feel fulfilled and I don't actually like it. The counters are passed around ever faster without any real asset being created."

He questions the method by which the City determines the level of share prices. GEC's share price performance has long been disappointing and the Weinstock family does, after all, speak for about 40 million — worth almost £75 million. "They are looking for hype when they should be looking for solidity," he says. "I always do what is in the company's best interest and the share price, if it is rational, ought to follow, but it does not."

The City, in return, is not too keen on Lord Weinstock. They are, after all, complete opposites. He is seen as being unadventurous, cautious to the point of being boring. He is criticised for sitting on a vast cash mountain — now estimated to be in the region of £700 million — when they would rather he had been buying companies. They complain that he dislikes spending money on stockbroking or merchant banking fees, that his meanness is legendary, that his Stanhope Gate offices, off London's Park Lane, have not been redecorated for 20 years, that he loves to complain — he calls it his Jewish sense of humour — and that he is notoriously litigious. They will tell you he is a ruthlessly tough manager and that he can be extremely rude. He avoids publicity and has consequently become a mysterious figure.

Sara Morrison, the former vice chairman of the Conservative party and a director of GEC for 13 years, says that Lord Weinstock is oblivious to this. "We tell him that he has a carrying voice, that he will talk to some fellow and think he has patted him, but that that poor fellow thinks he has just left his entrails hanging from the ceiling."

Lord Weinstock protests loudly that none of this is true. "I keep hearing that people are afraid of me," says Lord Weinstock. "But I don't understand that at all. They obviously don't know me. No, I can't describe myself. All I know is that I am very different from the image everyone seems to have."

He has a short fuse but is sufficiently controlled that he rarely loses his temper. He is more likely to vent irritation with a cutting remark, takes his business responsibilities seriously — GEC employs 167,000 people, more, in fact, than the British Army — and talks about his "corporate family" with obvious affection. He admits that he does get emotional about the business — "A very great part of my life has been spent in this business" — that he is still impatient but that with old age he is "less intolerant than I used to be". He avoids publicity because he is shy. "I'm not very good at talking about myself," he says. Then he alters "shy" to "introverted". "Introverted is different," he explains. "It implies self-doubt."

He remembers feeling pleased when the Labour party won the election in 1945 — "I felt we had to have a welfare state, I believed in the idea of a health service, I did not believe in poverty" — and he is now "ambivalent" about politics. His political allegiance will, he says, be decided by which ever party offers the best future for his business. He would always put the business before personal needs. He gives large sums to charity, always anonymously, and Mrs Morrison reveals that a former school teacher, who was the first person to spot that the young Weinstock might have potential, was regularly the recipient of gifts from Lord Weinstock. He never forgets people who have been kind.

GEC's offices *have* been redecorated. What they lack is any hint of glamour. Lord Weinstock admits that he is mean — but only with company money. "The company's money belongs to the shareholders and we have no right to spend it in a way that is not remunerative to the shareholders."

With his own money, he is anything but mean. He has a flat in Belgravia, a Georgian house in Wiltshire and a stud farm in Ireland, accommodating 50 mares, 60 horses and 30 foals. He excuses his passion for horse racing by describing it as the ultimate form of competition. As a young man he used to spend his months salary within three days. "I like good things," he says. "I would rather have nothing at all than have something second rate." He wears a Hermes tie but says that he has never been drunk. He is a man of moderation. "I decided long ago that I didn't want to make money, I wanted to make things," he says. He is however, defensive about any suggestion that he married into money, even though his wife, Netta, is Sir Michael Sobell's daughter. "My family were provided for by me, not by him." It is clearly a sore point. Lord Weinstock is a proud man.

He has two children, Susan, aged 36, and Simon, aged 39, GEC's commercial director. Lord Weinstock denies that he would like Simon to inherit his job. "It simply is not true."

Although not a religious man he does adhere to certain Jewish traditions "merely out of respect to my parents. The things they would have had me do. Maybe it is my way of maintaining some form of connection with them". Those parents, both Polish immigrants — his father was a master cutter for a West End tailor — were dead by the time Lord Weinstock was nine years old. He was brought up in Stoke Newington by his five older brothers, all more than 17 years his senior. It was a happy and far from poverty stricken childhood.

The fact that he had no sisters perhaps explains what he calls a wariness of women. "I am most comfortable with men, I find men more logical," he says. "The relationship between women and the continuity of the race has always made me slightly afraid of them — even if afraid is not quite the right word." It is an unexpected sentiment from such a daunting man, even if he is only daunting because of his intellectual ability. It is more surprising than the vision of him crying as he listens to Verdi's *Requiem*.

I ask him why he is always so controlled, except in the privacy of his dressing room, where even his own family leaves him alone, and he replies that if he were not, he would be more vulnerable. A curious response from a man cushioned from the harsher realities of life, from every day insecurities, by more than 30 years of success. "The more of you which is seen to be not in accordance with this mythical idea people have of you, the more vulnerable you are." I question his rationale. "Because you are just like everybody else," he replies. "I really do not want people to see me like that." Has this arch realist, this self-proclaimed, coldly logical thinker, based his life on a false personal image then? He thinks carefully for a minute. "If you are sensitive enough you will develop a hard shell. As a means of protection. You get in first."

MARTIN BEDDALL

Proud provider: Lord Weinstock and his wife, Netta, at home in London's Grosvenor Square

Concerned customer of BAe

LORD Weinstock, asked the inevitable question about British Aerospace, indicated that he is a concerned customer, a custodian of British business, but not a hostile predator. His inference was that joint ventures between the two companies were probable, a friendly merger possible, eventually (Carol Leonard writes).

"We have a considerable concern for British Aerospace," he said. "It makes the carriers for a lot of our equipment, and so we desire that it should survive intact, and should not fall into foreign hands."

He said that joint ventures would be difficult to establish while British Aerospace was in such a vulnerable position.

"We want to work even closer with them and cannot do that if they are weak. We have said we want to do whatever is possible to help them be strong."

Remaining as cool and rational as ever, and keeping his cards characteristically close to his chest, Lord Weinstock said that the problems now facing British Aerospace were entirely of its own making — "the way it has managed its affairs, the sudden departure of its chairman".

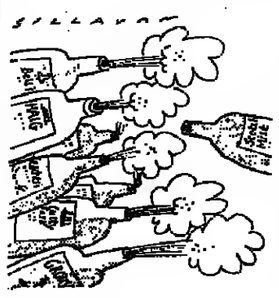
GEC had not, he said, taken any initiatives and did not own any British Aerospace shares.

"We do not want to do anything they do not want us to do, and we would not want to do anything that would threaten them."

Asked what was likely to happen next, he paused for a moment and then replied: "I will wait and see what happens." He was keeping his options open? "British Aerospace is keeping *its* options open," he countered.

A battle fought in the wrong spirit

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent



MILK whey alcohol must be less nauseating than it sounds. A winery in Nelson, New Zealand, has run afoul of the Scotch whisky industry by selling such a potion called Goulter's Scotch Mist.

Don Allen, the managing director of the Redwood Cellars winery, has received court papers from representatives of Scotch producers alleging unfair trading and seeking an injunction to take the product off the shelves.

"They have come on very heavy, but I don't see how anyone could be misled into thinking our product was Scotch whisky," Mr Allen said. And he has altered the labels of his product to make it plain it is not.

The guardians of Scotch whisky's reputation are not so easily satisfied, however. The Scotch Whisky Association robustly declared: "A product can only be called Scotch if it is made in Scotland using malted barley and is matured in Scotland for a minimum of three years."

Perhaps the SWA has reason to be concerned. Mr Allen had declared on his product: "It looks like, it tastes like, but it isn't." But he may have become an unwitting pawn in the centuries-old rivalry between the British and the French. If he could make milk whey alcohol taste like cognac, the lawsuit would vanish.

Robinson interims plunge to £22m loss

By MARTIN WALLER

THOMAS Robinson, the debt-bordened engineering group, has revealed the extent of the woes that cost many of the directors their jobs in July. Pre-tax losses were £22.3 million in the six months to June 30, against a profit of £10.4 million last time. There is oo interim dividend (1.5p).

Roy Barber, the company doctor who took over as chairman when Graham Rudd, the previous chairman, and two other directors left, gave a warning that the group's short-term prospects were poor. Robinson was reducing stock but because of the nature of its products and markets, there would be no immediate benefit to cash flow.

Operating losses were £9.75 millioo. A £12.6 millioo exceptional item covered redundancy and reorganisation costs, and stock obsolescence.

Property revaluations made last year and credited to reserves had beeo reversed. These related to two properties that Mr Barber declioed to identify. The result was an £8.26 millioo cut io net tangible assets, leaving them just short of total borrowings at end-Juoe of £45.6 millioo.

"We ehanged our strategy with regard to the use and future of two major properties," Mr Barber said. "That rendered the concept of the revaluation last year inappropriate."

He described the level of borrowings as "disappointing", particularly given the £21 million sale in June of the electrical contracting business.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7197 (+0.0020)

German mark
2.9097 (+0.0042)

Exchange index
90.4 (+0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
1953.9 (-2.5)

FT-SE 100
2555.0 (-15.8)

New York Dow Jones
2973.39 (-3.13)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
24157.72 (-327.54)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Hartstone ..... 283p (+12p)
Anglia TV 'A' ..... 220½p (+21p)
TI ..... 614½p (+10p)
Quarto ..... 148½p (+10p)
Ultramar ..... 270p (+12p)
FALLS:
Costain Group ..... 72½p (-11p)
Laporte ..... 596½p (-8p)
Albert Fisher ..... 86½p (-8p)
Cadbury-Schweppes ..... 401p (-8p)
Kwick Save ..... 597½p (-12p)
Legal & General ..... 382p (-10p)
British Gas ..... 258½p (-18½p)
Independent ..... 285p (-10p)
RHM ..... 256p (-12p)
Sothebys ..... 612½p (-12p)
AIM ..... 190p (-10p)
Rank Org ..... 638½p (-16p)
Costain Group ..... 72½p (-11p)
P&P ..... 102p (-10p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month Interbank 10 7/16-10 9/16%
3-month eligible bills: 10-9 15/16%
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 5 11/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 4.99-4.97%*
30-year bonds 102 5/16-102 9/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7185	£: $1.7197*
£: DM2.9111	$: DM1.6925*
£: SwFr2.5503	$: SwFr1.4830*
£: FFr9.9132	$: FFr5.7695*
£: Yen223.06	$: Yen129.75*
£: Index:90.4	$: Index:64.5
ECU £0.703649	SDR £0.792850
£: ECU1.421163	£: SDR1.261272

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $357.25 pm-$357.75
close $357.75-358.25 (£208.00-208.50)
New York:
Comex $360.45-360.95*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct) ..... $22.10 bbl ($22.15)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.8 September (1987=100)

* Denotes midday trading price

BT to shed 16,000 jobs over 18 months

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BT is to shed 16,000 engineers, clerical workers and telephone operators over the next 18 months. The telecommunications group said the cuts were the combined result of technical advances and the recession.

The latest job cuts at BT, which employs 227,000, include about 6,000 of the 8,100 telephone operators' jobs expected to be lost in the cutbaeks. The compaoy, chaired by Iain Vallance, has agreed with the National Commuoications Uoioo, which represeots most of those affected by the latest round of cuts, that all redundancies will be voluntary. BT has agreed to redeploy staff where possible, with oo pay cuts for four years even where the new job is at a lower grade.

More than 7,000 of those affected will be engineers who are becoming redundant as the programme to install modern digital telephooe exchanges, which need less maintenance, nears completion.

The NCU said the engineering joh losses would be coocentrated in London and the Southeast. The unioo regretted governmeot restrictions that prevented BT diversifying into new areas, sueh as cable television, which would have allowed the company more scope in finding oew work for surplus staff.

However, the union has cooperated with BT in an effort to ensure that those who go will be volunteers. A spokeswoman said: "We have oever stood in the way of new technology. We realised there would be an effect on jobs unless BT was able to expand into other areas."

Some of the skilled engineers shed by BT could probably find work with BT's emerging rivals, including Mercury and cable television companies.

The prospects for telephone operators may be less rosy. By the end of the preseot costcutting programme, BT will have shed more than 8,000 of its 19,000 operators. The job-shedding has been made possible by technology that enables operators to handle more calls and by the drop in demand for directory enquiries in the wake of the introduction of charges for the service this year.

Redeploying operators is proving difficult. The contractioo of the service, and its concentratioo in low-cost areas outside the Southeast, will result in the closure of all exchanges in the Londoo area.

BT's cost-cuttiog programme should benefit customers through lower charges and increased efficiency. Renewed evidence of the compaoy's determination to cut costs will also assist the task of advisers preparing the sale of half the governmeot's remaining 49 per cent stake in BT, which is expected to oet the Treasury £5 billion.

However, it also provides further evidence of the pressure oo companies imposed by the recession. This week's job loss announcements have included 1,000 redundancies at Ford, 750 on Merseyside at Pilkington, the glassmaker, 700 oear Edinburgh at Unisys, the American electronics group, and 740 at the French-owned Ferguson televisioo factory in Hampshire.

Heinz, the American owned food company, is completing details of redundancies and early retirements, expected to total about 90, among sales staff at its head office in Hayes, Middlesex.

Cutting back: Iain Vallance has agreed to redeploy BT staff where possible

UK investment director at 3i loses his job in shake-up

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

DEREK Sach, bead of UK investmeot at 3i, the venture capital group, has lost bis job as part of the company's reorganisation before flotation next spring.

The news came as a surprise to the City. Mr Sach, aged 41, had worked at 3i for 19 years and was tipped in the past to become chief executive wben David Marlow, aged 55, retires.

Sir John Cuckney, the chairman, said Mr Sach's departure was "technically not a resignation but a sad, senior redundancy", made oecessary by changes in management structure. It was not connnected with 3i's impending float, he said.

"We want a flatter structure with a greater delegation of anthority," Sir John said. In the past two years, 3i, which used to employ 1,000, has shed 160 staff.

Mr Sach's redundancy payment was not announced, but it will include arrangements for repayment of the £110,000 mortgage he held with the group. 3i's annual report suggests that be earned more than £200,000 a year. The Bank of England and the clearing banks, 3i's shareholders, are likely to sign an agreement within the next few weeks to float the company as an investment trust. The flotation will be the culmination of seven years of wrangling over 3i's future.

Mr Sach's division and the performance of its investments has suffered in the past two years from recession and the rising rate of company failures. The divisioo shrank earlier in the year when 3i pulled out of property development and coosultancy.

Harding accepts £4m bid

By JONATHAN PRYNN

HARDING Group, the electrical products distributor, has accepted a £4 million takeover hid from Marlowe Holdings, an American-owned group involved in the wholesale distribution of electrical, DIY and garden products.

Marlowe is offering 22p a share cash, an 83 per ceot premium to the 12p Harding share price before Wednesday's announcement that it had received an approach. Harding shares jumped 4p to 23p yesterday oo the oews of the bid. Harding's oet assets at the end of last December were £3.6 million.

Marlowe has already received acceptances of the offer from holders of 68.39 per cent of the shares.

Ioterim results issued yesterday show that Harding lost £151,000 before tax compared with a £40,000 profit last time, oo turnover of £11.35 million, against £12.8 million, in the six mooths to end-Juoe. Trading conditions in the period were described as "the worst that our businesses have ever experienced". There is no interim dividend (1.1p).

Dennis Harding, the chairman and chief executive, said that the receivership of a large customer in September could "further delay" the company's return to profitability.

Fiat to link with Polish car maker

From REUTER IN WARSAW

FIAT of Italy is to take a 51 per ceot stake in a company to be formed with FSM, the Polish car maker, in the biggest Western investment in Poland yet made.

The creation of the company was agreed io a memorandum of uoderstanding signed by Janusz Lewandowski, Poland's privatisation minister, and Paolo Cantarella, chief executive of Fiat Auto.

Signor Cantarella said: "We are talking about the biggest contract ever signed in Poland."

FSM (Fabryka Samochodow Maiolitrazowych) consists of two plants in the southern Polish towns of Bielsko-Biala and Tychy. It was founded as a state-owned company in the Seveoties to produce the Fiat 126 mini-car under licence.

Recently, it became a Treasury-owned joint stock company on its way to privatisatioo and in July began producing Fiat's Cinquecento small car, which is due to go oo sale next year.

A joint statement by Fiat and the privatisatioo ministry said a definitive agreement with FSM would be signed by the end of the year.

"The company will be 51 per cent owned by Fiat Auto and will incorporate FSM automoove activities including certain compooent operations," the statement said. "The automotive activities of FSM will become part of Fiat Group." The price Fiat is paying for its stake in the new company has oot been announced.

The privatisatioo ministry said it expected to reach a preliminary agreement to sell parts of FSO, Poland's biggest car maker, to a foreign manufacturer on October 22.

But it had oot found a company interested in taking a capital stake in FSO, which produces the Polonez hatchback and a Fiat-designed medium-sized salooo in its Warsaw plant.

TEMPUS

Pick favourites in TV franchise stakes

WEDNESDAY'S announcement of the result of the television franchise round will be based ostensibly on secret and sealed bids handed to the Independent Television Commission, the industry's watchdog, this year. But as the table shows, the market has placed apparently well-informed bets.

The stock market, supposedly, runs on the basis that all relevant information is made available to all investors at the same time. The new arrangements for the franchise round are based on the same assumption, even in the notoriously gossipy world of television. But most of that information appears to have leaked effortlessly from the latter to the market in the mooths since the applications went in.

Consider Central Independent and Scottish. Both are believed lo have offered mere buttons for the right to continue broadcasting in their franehise area, secure in the assumption that no one has stood against them. None of the above has been confirmed, hut both shares stand at or close to their year's high, having soared over the summer with the market's perception of their chances.

Neil Blaekley, at James Capel, who has produced a highly rated and critical study of this franchise round, believes both prices have further to go once the news is formally out.

Anglia, too, has put on a late hurst of speed, as has Carlton Communieations. Anglia faces stiff opposition in the form of a rival bidder but is thought to have the edge, the shares putting on 20p on Friday as the market sensed a victory.

Carlton has seen a sharp recovery io its fortunes and share price over the past year, after a diffieult 1990 when it suffered a bear raid and increasing pressure on Michael Green, its chairman. Carlton is reckoned to have a good chance of ousting the incumbent Thames fnr the weekday franchise.

Shares in the increasingly friendless Thames languish close to the year's low, with its 59 per cent shareholder Thorn-EMI not seeo as a committed holder.

Like Carlton, Granada is a conglomerate, hut the TV franchise is an important profit-earner. The franchise will probably stay, hut the shares are likely in aoy case to be held baek by desperate problems elsewhere io the group.

LWT's quoted convertible shares also took a late hike as the market placed its bets for a win, and look dear at present levels, but the real duffer among the majors is TVS, with the South of England franchise. The group has been crippled financially hy its £54 millioo bid to secure the franchise, and the latest industry gossip says this may be self-defeating. If the ITC believes TVS cannot survive, the franchise could go to one of three rival underbidders, which include Carlton. Yorkshire, too, will be financially straitened by a successful bid, although far less so than TVS.

For the investor, the franchise round is, at this stage, little better than a horse race. Fnr chancers, the best naps look like Carlton, Central and Scottish.

BIG FISH IN THE TV POOL

	Price	12-month high	12-month low	Market Cap (£m)
Anglia	220p	248p	142p	97.3
Carlton	519p	544p	319p	958.8
Central	1025p	1035p	484p	275.5
Granada	165p	204p	132p	695.7
HTV	52p	76p	34p	35.7
LWT Conv Pref	124p	124p	81p	109.7
Scottish	577p	574p	235p	137.0
Thames	204p	371p	193p	101.2
TVS	28p	89p	26p	17.3
Yorkshire	198p	310p	187p	69.9

Hammerson

HAVING warned the stock market at the beginning of the week to expect big provisions in America, Hammerson's shares took confirmatioo of £90 million worth of impending provisions pretty much io their stride. The A shares climbed 3p to 578p, just 10p down on the week.

Despite the share price resileoce and the stoicism of the Hammerson board, the full scale of the horror that Hammerson has run into in New York is remarkable. In short, an office buildiog oo Fifth Avenue that Hammerson spent $200 million aod two-aod-a-half years completing will now appear in the accounts with a book value of about $50 million.

Unless there is some amazing turnaround in the New York market, the provisioo could knock 45p-50p off year-end net asset valne. With property values falling throughout the world, up to 100p could be wiped off last year's NAV of 832p, although, as ever, much depends on year end-exchange rates currently moving modestly the right way.

What good news there is, is that the damage has fortuitously been limited. For 420 Fifth Aveoue apart, Hammerson's development portfolio is largely completed and largely let.

Gearing is around 60 per cent and, with the diminution in shareholders' funds, could rise to 65 per cent by the year. Far from out of cootrol but possibly high enough to limit Hammerson's bargaio hunting should the property market ever stumble out of its prolonged slump. Uoexciting.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Receivers appointed at Grovewood firms

RECEIVERS have been appointed to eight subsidiaries of Grovewood Securities, the property and industrial group whose shares were suspended on Tuesday. The subsidiaries include Early's of Witney, the Oxfordshire blanket maker. Early's employees were sent bome on Wednesday. The acquisitioo of Early's in March last year was the first deal completed by David Holland, the former Randsworth Trust chairman who bought into the company in 1989. Other subsidiaries being placed io receivership include Armour Barpak, a timber and packaging company; Western Counties Construction and Minevent, a property development company formerly owned by Mr Holland.

Seven months after buying Early's, Mr Holland bought Priest Marians Holdings, which brought with it more than £100 million of associated debt.

Cinema cuts Cadbury tie

GENERAL Cinema Corporation, the American group whose stake io Cadbury Schweppes once reached 18 per cent, is to sever its equity connection with Cadbury. General is to redeem subordinated debentures dated 2002 – either at 102 per ceot of par or as 333 Cadbury shares for each £1,000 of debentures. General expects a $20 millioo pre-tax gain from the redemption.

Interest fall helps Gates

FRANK G Gates, a Ford dealer, lifted pre-tax profits from £553,000 to £692,000 in the first half of this year. This was despite losses of £29,000 in its new vehicles division (profit of £108,000). However, Gates benefited from interest eharges falling from £739,000 to just £49,000. Turnover fell to £29.3 million (£37.3 million). Gates usually only pays a final dividend.

Maxwell sells again

ROBERT Maxwell, the media entrepreneur, is cootinuing a stream of disposals from his puhlie and private companies to reduce their debts. He has oow sold NFO Research, an American market research company, to a management huyout for $42 million in cash.

The company is being sold out of AGB International, which is in turn owned by Robert Maxwell Group, Mr Maxwell's principal private company. Mr Maxwell stressed that AGB remains the dominant market research group io Europe, with sales of more than £80 million a year, despite the disposal. Mr Maxwell is thought to be oegotiaring at least six disposals from Maxwell Communicatioo Corporation.

Atlas lifts dividend

ATLAS Converting Equipment, the USM-listed packaging machine company, raised its interim dividend to 7p (6.5p) despite a profit fall io the six months to June 30. The pre-tax figure was £3.06 million (£3.1 million) on sales up from £17.1 millioo to £21.5 million. Iovestments, including a £4 million factory, led to a £13,000 interest charge. The shares eased 7p to 863p.

ABC to buy consultancy

ASSOCIATED British Consultants, the engineering consultancy group, is paying £2.07 million for Brian Ford Partnerships (BFP), a mechanical and electrical engineering cousultancy. The consideratioo is being met by a £90,000 cash payment and the issue of 2.02 million new ABC shares at 98p. ABC is also issuing a further 1.03 million new shares to raise £1.01 million.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyons (*605)	550	62	80	97	2	13	20
	600	21	49	67	19	31	39
	650	3	28	46	43	60	64
ASDA (*40)	40	4½	8	11	5	7	9
	50	1½	4	7	13	13	19
	60	1	3	4	22	25	24
Bass (*989)	977	27	-	-	8	-	-
	1026	3	-	-	37	-	-
	1075	1	-	-	85	-	-
Boots (*419)	390	32	38	33	1	6½	12
	420	9	21	35	8	19	21
	460	1	7	19	43	45	47
Br Airways (*193)	160	35	37	42	1	2½	3½
	180	10	22	27	1	6½	9
	200	3	11	17	19	17	19
BP (*541)	500	44	46	50	1	2	4½
	550	15	25	29	2	8½	11
	600	2	8	14	20	25	28
Br Steel (*119)	120	2½	0	5½	3½	7	9½
	130		3	5½	12½	14½	16½
	140	½	1½	3	22½	25	25½
C & W (*545)	500	52	67	-	1	9	-
	550	19	32	32	19	25	33
	600	2	14	30	54	58	63
CU (*483)	460	27	44	31	1½	7½	17
	500	3	22	28	20	20	36
	550	1	5½	12	68	70	72
Courtauld (*483)	420	67	75	87	1	3½	7
	460	28	43	58	2	12	13
	500	4	21	35	20	20	31
GKN (*348)	330	21	36	42	2	9½	18
	360	4	17	25	19	25	34
	390	1	8	14	46	46	54
Grand Met. (*849)	800	58	81	95	1½	13	22
	850	13	48	63	11	35	42
	900	2½	25	40	50	64	70
ICI (*1511)	1500	51	85	119	17	39	65
	1350	8½	60	82	47	64	90
	1400	2	39	60	92	95	120
Kingfisher (*549)	500	55	72	85	1	0	11
	550	14	38	52	19	21	20
	600	1	10	30	50	53	53
Ladbroke (*256)	249	3	16	25	5½	12	19
	268	1½	8	14	22	24	28
	287	1	3½	0	40	41	40
Land Sec (*903)	460	47	55	65	1	4½	6½
	500	12	25	58	0	19	20
	550	1	6½	13	50	54	55
M & S (*274)	260	10	24	33	1½	7	9
	280	3	15	21	19	13	18
	500	1	3	12	28	30	51
Sainsbury (*348)	326	26	34	-	1	9	-
	356	4	15	-	10	17	-
	386	1	3	-	39	40	-
Shell (*512)	460	33	66	71	1½	5½	7
	500	18	36	41	4	12	17
	550	3	12	10	40	40	41
Smkl Beech (*739)	700	47	69	86	2	14	20
	750	11	30	58	17	36	42
	800	2	19	57	63	67	72
Storehse (*105)	100	8	11	15	2	9	7
	110	2½	0	10	6½	11	12
	120	1	3	3	10	18	19
Trafalgar (*230)	211	23	28	-	1½	10	-
	251	7	13	-	9	20	-
	251	1½	7½	-	25	34	-
Ultramar (*270)	220	53	60	63	1	2	4
	240	35	42	48	2	4½	8
	260	20	33	37	4	11	17
Unilever (*771)	650	130	-	-	1	-	-
	700	30	92	-	1	5	-
	750	32	52	70	4	18	25
	800	3	27	40	30	42	50
Utd Biscs (*515)	360	34	43	52	1	5	10
	390	9	24	32	7	13	25
	420	1½	11	17	31	33	40
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*448)	420	40	50	63	3½	10	15
	460	15	27	40	17	28	30
	500	2½	12	23	50	54	57
BAT Ind (*639)	600	50	71	80	4	11	17
	650	17	40	50	23	30	37
	700	3	19	30	64	66	69
	750	1	8	16	114	114	116
BTR (*407)	390	26	30	43	5	10½	17
	420	8	21	28	18	24	30
	460	1½	8	15	35	55	59
Br Aero (*371)	384	15	34	37	23	33	43
	414	0	21	24	45	52	63
	493	3½	11	15	86	83	96
Br Telecm (*405)	360	51	35	64	2	5½	8
	390	25	33	44	6	13	17
	420	8	18	29	20	29	32
Cadbury (*399)	390	24	-	-	13	-	-
	420	12	-	-	28	-	-
	460	4	-	-	65	-	-
Guinness (*1024)	950	90	120	132	4	12	21
	1000	50	83	100	13	26	38
	1050	22	53	72	37	48	50
GEC (*191)	180	13	19	23½	2	4½	0
	200	3½	8½	13	11	14	19
	220	1	3½	9½	30	30	30
Hanson (*216)	200	20	23	25	1	9	8
	220	3½	19	14	8	19	18
	240	1½	3½	7	24½	30	32
LASMO (*298)	300	14	36	31	13	17	20
	330	4½	13	18	34	34	37
	360	2	9	10½	63	63	63
Lucas (*134)	150	8	12	14	10	13	14
	140	3½	7	9½	16	18	19
	160	1½	3½	6	33	36	37
P & O (*497)	472	38	37	-	3	12	-
	519	10	28	37	27	33	43
	566	1½	11	19	70	70	75
Pilkington (*148)	140	14	19	23	4	9	19
	160	4	9	13	14	20	21
	180	1½	4½	8½	34	33	38

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Prudential (*231)	240	6½	13	19	11	15	19
	260	1½	7½	10	29	30	31
	280		3½	5½	49	49	50
Racal Elec (*56)	31	8	10	-	1	2½	-
	33	5½	-	-	3	-	-
	60	2½	5	-	3½	6½	-
RTZ (*552)	500	67	82	88	2	6	12
	550	24	43	52	11	22	30
	600	3	21	29	49	48	57
Scot New (*414)	360	62	65	-	1	4	-
	390	33	42	52	4	9	12
	420	14	24	35	13	23	26
Tesco (*247)	240	15	25	27	4	8½	19
	260	3	13	18	19	18	22
	280	1½	9	10½	34	34	35
Thames W. (*366)	350	25	35	-	4	9	-
	370	11	19	-	11	18	-
	400	3	8	-	37	38	-
Vodafone (*380)	330	56	65	-	1½	5½	-
	360	20	43	-	6	14	-
	390	12	26	-	20	27	-
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons (*467)	420	31	63	75	1	6½	12
	460	15	37	49	5½	20	20
	500	2	18	30	34	43	48
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abbey Nat (*280)	280	21	29	32	3	9	11½
	300	10½	17	23	13	20	22
	330	5	7	11	43	43	43
Austnd (*36)	35	3	7½	9½	4½	9	7
	40	3	5½	7½	8	9	11
	45	2½	4½	3½	12	13	14½
Barclays (*441)	420	36	47	50	5½	12½	16
	460	12½	23	30	25	35	39
	500	3½	19½	10	62	63	66
Blue Circ (*240)	240	15	24	20	10½	14	19
	260	9	14	17	22	20	31
	280	2½	7	11	42	42	45
Br Gas (*260)	260	13	17	22	7½	10½	14
	280	4	9	13	20	24	26
	300	1½	4	7½	40	40	41
Dixons (*249)	240	21	29	37	8	13	16
	260	11	19	27	17	25	25
	280	5	12	19	34	36	37
Eurotunnel (*458)	460	38	57	73	27	37	43
	500	21	42	57	52	62	67
	550	8	24	42	95	191	105
Forte (*273)	260	19	28	31	5	7½	13
	280	8	16	20	14	17	21
	300	3	6½	12	31	31	34
Glaxo (*1368)	1500	115	154	189	23	28	43
	1550	85	122	137	35	37	64
	1400	55	99	134	62	79	84
Hawker (*745)	700	60	67	77	9	13	15
	750	26	34	40	32	33	36
	800	11	14	21	69	72	77
Hillsdowns (*205)	197	18	23	-	9	8½	-
	236	5½	7	11	31	33	36
Lonrho (*234)	220	22	26	28	3	10	12
	240	19	14	17	12	21	24
	260	4	6½	9½	28	37	38
Midland (*254)	240	27	35	40	6½	12	15
	260	14	25	30	16	19	25
	280	0	14	21	30	32	36
Reuter (*940)	850	118	143	-	19	25	-
	900	80	110	125	21	40	50
	950	49	80	93	45	64	74
	1000	29	56	75	73	92	102
R-Royce (*142)	130	10	20	22	3	6½	7½
	140	9	14	16	9	11	12
	160	5	9	8	20	23	25
Sears (*93)	80	13	16	19	2	3	3
	90	9	10	12	3	6½	9½
	100	4	9	8	12	13	13
Thorn EMI (*794)	700	108	117	-	2½	3	-
	750	63	76	97	9	15	19
	800	24	47	67	28	35	39
	850	9	24	44	01	66	68
TSB (*135)	150	12	14	17	3½	7	8½
	140	7	9	11½	8½	12	13
	160	2	4	6	27	29	30
Vsel Recfn (*367)	60	12	14	16	2½	3	7
	70	5½	8½	11½	0	11	15
Wellcome (*713)	700	43	69	89	28	37	45
	750	22	44	65	37	62	67
	800	19	28	46	95	97	99
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastn Elec (*175)	160	20	26	27	2	5½	7
	180	7	11	19	9	13	19
	200	2	3	9	25	28	29
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Nat Power (*163)	140	28	30	33	2	3	4
	160	11	14½	19	9	8	10
	180	3½	7	10	19	21	23
Scot Power (*109)	110	9	9	12	6	8	9½
	150	3	5½	7½	12½	13	15
	130	2	5	4½	21½	24	24

FT-SE INDEX (*£2556)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Oct	82	43	18	8	3½	1
Nov	116	82	52	27	16	9
Dec	145	110	76	53	30	21
Jan	162	130	95	72	50	35
Jun	250	-	190	-	133	-
Puts						
Oct	16	29	56	97	140	190
Nov	29	46	71	105	149	205
Dec	42	60	85	115	150	198
Jan	31	67	89	118	154	194
Jun	85	-	130	-	185	-

October 11, 1991 Total: 30673 Calls 18898 Puts 11775 FT-SE: Calls 2931 Puts 2474

*Underlying security price.

G7 close to agreeing outline of rescue plan for Soviet Union

From Anatole Kaletsky in Bangkok

THE outlines of a financial rescue package for the Soviet Union seemed close to agreement yesterday, despite a further postponement of formal discussions about the Soviet economy among the finance ministers of the Group of Seven leading industrial countries.

American officials were indicating in Bangkok, where the G7 began a two-day meeting, that a consensus had emerged about the need for "some alleviatioo" of the Soviet debt burden. Sharp disagreements remained, however, especially between Germany and America, about the mechanism for giving the Soviets help. This issue was expected to come to a head this evening, with the belated arrival of the Soviet delegation. Before that, the G7 will debate the Soviets' plight among themselves this afternoon, after completing their review of the world economy and foreign exchange markets.

In yesterday's session, the G7 were said to have generally agreed on the upbeat world ecooomic forecasts presented by the International Monetary Fund last week. There were also indications that the G7 communiqué, to be issued today, would express satisfaction with recent movements in the foreign exchanges, but would stop short of specifically endorsing the recent sharp rise of the Japanese yen.

On the Soviet Union, there are three big questions outstanding, according to officials in Bangkok: how much financial relief will the Soviet Union require in the short term to avert any delays in repayment of government guaranteed debts? How can such relief be organised, given the political chaos in the Soviet Union and the country's non-membership of the IMF? And how should the burden of assistance be shared among the G7 and other industrialised countries?

On each of these questions, significant differences remain to be ironed out in today's discussions and sources say that these may preveot an official announcement being agreed in Bangkok. According to American sources, the Soviet Unioo may oeed $5 billioo of further assistance in additioo to the $7.5 billion worth of food aid already pledged.

British officials say, however, that all estimates of the Soviet Union's needs are speculative unless a clearer indication emerges from the Soviet delegation. Private bankers in Bangkok say that the Soviet Unioo may actually enjoy a current account surplus io the months ahead because of sharp cuts in its imports. But they coocede that a severe liquidity problem may still arise because of the need to repay principal, as well as interest, oo short term loaos.

Because the Soviet Union's immediate situatioo is due to principal, rather than interest obligations, America and Japan are arguing that a short-term solution would be for creditors to roll over loans coming due. Germany is unhappy with this approach, however, since it accounts for more thao half of the total short-term lending to the Soviet Union. If the existiog loans were simply rolled over, Germany would continue to bear a disproportionate share of the Soviet support. The alternative of offering the Soviet Union some kind of special financing or bridging loans, seems to present even greater problems. Given the preseot turmoil in the Soviet Uoion, a G7 loan would be "a bridge to oowhere" and would violate Central Bank and Treasury laws in America and several other countries, officials say.

The G7 is likely to agree that trying to maintain a single currency would offer the Soviet Union the best hope of reforming its economy, but only if full responsibility for mooetary and fiscal policy was delegated to the central governmeot.

Rate 'on target for 4% by year-end'

UK inflation falls to beat European average at 4.1%

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

NORMAN Lamoot, the Chancellor, confidently predicted a further drop in inflation after government figures showed the annual rate slowing to 4.1 per cent in September, its lowest since April 1988.

Treasury officials, attending the Group of Seven meeting in Bangkok with the Chancellor, emphasised that October's inflation was bound to be lower than September's because of changes in petrol prices and mortgage rates last year. Beyond that, there was every chance that the improvement in underlying inflation would cootinue into next year.

The fall in the headline rate of the retail price index from 4.7 per cent in August continued the steady deceleration from last autumn's 10.9 per cent peak. It was warmly received at the Conservative party conference.

In the City, economists expressed disappointment at the data, which were slightly worse than expected, with core inflatioo worryingly stubborn.

David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury, said in Blackpool the figures showed the government was on target to achieve average annual inflatioo of 4 per cent by the end of the year. He welcomed the return of British inflation to below the 4.9% European Community average for the first time in five years.

Given further mortgage rate cuts and other price falls in the pipeline, forecasters expect annual inflatioo to come down to aboot 3.5 per cent this mooth, almost certainly achieving sub-German levels.

In September, the RPI rose 0.4 per cent to 134.6, reflecting higher prices for clothing and household goods as summer sales ended. Prices for leisure services, such as the theatre and football matches, also rose.

But a drop of 5.5 per cent in seasonal food prices, the biggest since 1962, mainly due to potato prices, limited the month-on-mooth increase.

The annual figure was distorted by the effect of high, pre-Gulf war oil prices falling out of the year-on-year comparison, as well as by mortgage rate changes and the poll tax. Housing costs fell 0.1 per cent in September for an annual decline of 8.8 per cent, the biggest drop since records began in 1947.

But despite falling inflation, the scope for cutting interest rates is limited. After political jitters this week, prompting Bank of England intervention, the foreign exchange market began to take a more favourable view of the pound.

Sterling strengthened within the exchange-rate mechanism, climbing above the French franc. At the London close, the pound was nearly half a pfennig higher at DM2.9111 and 30 points up at $1.7185.

The government's preferred measure of underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments, fell from an annual 6.2 per cent in August to 5.7 per cent in September, its lowest since April 1989.

More rigorous measures of core inflation pointed to little change, however.

Robio Marshall, chief economist at Chase Investment Bank, estimated that the RPI, excluding oil prices, food and mortgage interest payments, ticked up to an annual 6.5 per cent in September from 6.4 per cent in August. Gwyn Hacche, economist at James Capel, said his core index pointed to annual inflation stuck at 5.8 per cent and remaining around that level until January.

Ecooomists were surprised by the strength of most of the components of the RPI, given the weakness of the economy.

Chris Dillow, an economist at Nomura Research, said: "The idea that we've got inflatioo licked is a myth." The real test would come as the economy recovers. He foresees the RPI climbing back to an annual 4.2 per cent in December.

☐ American retail sales rebounded 0.7 per cent last mooth, according to official figures published yesterday, suggesting that consumers might be starting to shed some caution about the recovery. Wholesale prices rose just 0.1 per cent in September, restrained by a further decline in food prices.

☐ Marlin Fitzwater, White House spokesman, hailed the latest price data as "extraordinarily good news" for the economy, as they pointed to inflation falling and interest rates staying low.

The administration has become increasingly concerned about the fragility of the recovery and has used every opportunity in recent weeks to try to talk up the economy.

The retail sales figures contrasted with the gloomy survey issued by America's leading retailers oo Thursday, which reported generally anaemic sales in September. Many reported activity little changed, or even below the level of a year ago, when business dried up because of the invasioo of Kuwait.

Concrete evidence: John Parry believes the drop in the building's value is permanent

Asda axes 415 jobs to cut its costs by £8m

By Jonathan Prynn

ASDA Group, the troubled supermarket chain, has anoounced a total of 415 redundancies at its Leeds head office and at the West Bromwich headquarters of its Allied Maples furniture subsidiary.

About 350 of the job cuts are at Leeds. They take effect from January 10 and will save Asda an estimated £8 million a year from 1992. The impact this year, after reduodancy costs, will be neutral. The company is saddled with £930 million of debt and is under pressure to reduce costs.

Richard Harker, the joint managing director, said: "This was a painful but necessary decision. Apart from the severance package, we are offering practical assistance to our people io their search for alternative employmeot."

The cuts were seeo io the City as a oerve-steadying exercise after the announcement two weeks ago of a £357 millioo rights issue. An extraordinary shareholders' meeting to approve the cash call takes place oo Wednesday.

Asda's share price has fallen since the rights issue was launched, but yesterday closed at an unchanged 40p compared with the 35p rights issue price. Analysts were told about planned job cuts last week but had expected more.

The company is also seeking to calm its bankers, with whom it is reoegotiating its short-term debt facilities. The Leeds reduodancies are concentrated in the development and planning departments of Asda Stores. They reflect the winding-down of the group's new stores programme, the integration of the former Gateway supermarkets, acquired in 1989, and the computerisation of some administrative functioos. Only four new stores will be opened this year, compared with 12 last year.

About 1,850 staff were employed in the Leeds office. An Asda spokesman said oo further cuts were planned and service to customers would not be affected. Nationally, Asda Stores employs about 70,000 people in 204 outlets.

One employee who lost his job said morale io the head office had been sinking for several months because of the adverse publicity and rumours surrounding the company.

Derek Fatchett, Labour MP for Leeds Central, said Asda's move was evidence of the problems companies faced. "There are 350 further examples in Leeds today of the harshness of John Major's ecooomic recession," he said.

Asda Group is still without a chief executive after institutions forced the resignatioo of John Hardman in July. Graham Stow, the former chief executive of Asda Stores, who resigned at the same time, oow works for George Davies Partnership, the clothing venture in which Asda has a 20 per cent stake.

Hammerson plans to make £90m writedown

By Matthew Bond

HAMMERSON, Britaio's third largest property company, has said that it intends to make a £90 millioo year-end provisioo against an office block it has built in New York.

The warning accompanied interim results for the half year to end-June and overshadowed a 7 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £31.2 million and a maintained interim dividend of 3.5p.

The planned writedown is one of the biggest the property market has seen in recent times. The 590,000 sq ft building oo Fifth Avenue was completed earlier this year at a total cost of $200 million. But unless there is a miraculous recovery in the New York office market, the company plans to cut the building's book value by $150 millioo to just $50 million.

John Parry, managing director, said a small provision against the building had been taken last year through reserves in the belief that the drop in value was temporary. "But we now take the view that it is permanent."

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EC intervened over Rolls

From Tom Walker in Brussels

FRANS Andriessen, EC external relations commissioner, iotervened oo behalf of Rolls-Royce in negotiations with Japan to try to pressure All Nippon Airways into buying Trent engines for its Boeing 777 fleet.

A commission source said Mr Andriessen made it "quite clear" to Tokyo that in view of the Community's £1.05 billioo trade deficit with Japan, ANA's choice of Rolls-Royce could significantly help economic and political relations between the two trade partners. The source said: "We tried to explain that it [a Rolls-Royce order] would fit happily into a new relationship. We talked about the deficit of payments, and the opening of markets, but in the end, it was not a purely political decision. Other factors were obviously taken into account."

One of these was British Airways' decision not to buy the upgraded Merlin 800 for its Boeing 777s, which put ANA off the British-made engine. The ANA cootract would have been worth £409 million, and its loss has been partially responsible for Rolls-Royce shedding 6,000 workers.

The source said details of the plea had not been made public before because intervening on behalf of one company is such a sensitive matter.

At the European parliament in Strasbourg this week, aero-industry lobbyists said many parliamentarians feel the commissioo is not doing enough to help Europe's main engine makers, which face a tricky future in the face of declining ouput of the world's main aircraft makers.

The 777 is the only new long-haul plane to be made by Boeing this decade, and with ANA and BA turning to American manufacturers, the future for Rolls-Royce and SNECMA of France, the EC's main jet engine makers, looks bleak in this sector.

Some MEPs suggest that Rolls-Royce may have to further its links with BMW, with whom it has a joint engine-making operation. The two companies are considering setting up a plant that would create 6,000 jobs outside Berlin, a controversial move given Rolls-Royce's domestic cutbacks.

Fox review shows cash payments

By Angela Mackay

THE findings of an internal review at The Futures & Options Exchange (Fox) has uncovered a series of cash payments to members, as well as widespread incentives and indemnities, could result in a test case to consider the legality of what maoy consider usual market practices.

At the least, the report's conclusions will force a shake-up at Fox and the issuance of several reforms, including a new set of guidelines on market practice.

Phillip Thorpe, Fox's new chief executive, and David Hardy and Pat Elmer, two independent directors, formed a committee one week ago to report on alleged irregularities at the exchange, mostly connected to the new property futures cootract that was suspended on Wednesday. Their findings were put to an emergency board meeting yesterday. Mr Thorpe said the final report would be submitted to the Securities and Investments Board next week. SIB, in turn, will pass the document on to the DTI, which is the only body empowered to bring criminal proceedings under section 47(2) of the Financial Services Act which refers to conduct creating a misleading impression of a market.

Thorpe: taking action

In a letter sent to members yesterday, Mr Thorpe revealed that cash payments of £228,000 had been paid to certain members. Payments totalling about £168,055, plus VAT, were made to one member in respect of trades undertaken in the property contract market. These trades were undertaken with the guidance of of Mark Blundell, Fox's former chief executive. Mr Blundell resigned last Saturday along with Saxoo Tate, the exchange's chairman.

A further £25,000 payment was paid to a member as a consultancy fee to promote the property contract and several "dummy" trades or crossings were made "with the encouragement of the exchange".

In the little traded rice futures market, payments of £10,000, plus VAT, were made to two members as incentives. On the metal futures index, members received levy rebates or incentives totalling £21,000, subject to a minimum volume being achieved.

Brokers trading rubber and arabica coffee were given levy "nolidays" and, in rubber, some members received discounted rates oo FAST, the screen trading system.

It is unlikely that SIB will exercise its powers to derecognise the exchange as long as management, compliance and accounting reforms are instituted. This has been ensured by Mr Thorpe's secondment to Fox from the Securities and Futures Association.

Fox did not identify which members had been given cash payments but one member, Sucden (UK), said that while it had oot received any cash, it, like all members, had taken advantage of levy holidays on clearing fees.

Liberty Life seeks £82m

By Neil Bennett

LIBERTY Life, the South African insurance group that owns a 29.9 per cent stake in *Sun Life*, is holding a R444 million (£82 million) share placing to raise funds for international expansion and increase its European profile.

The issue, combined with the sale earlier this month of a 16.8 per cent stake in Trans-Atlantic, the group's London investment vehicle, to Union des Assurances de Paris, suggests that Liberty is gearing up for a substantial acquisition.

Liberty is placing a minimum of 12 million new shares with British, French and Swiss institutions to breathe life into its near-dormant London quote. If demand for the shares is heavy, the group can place up to 20 million. Donald Gordon, Liberty's chairman, said his ambition was to have Liberty quoted as an alpha stock on the London Stock Exchange.

The shares are being placed at a *maximum of* R37, or a 5 per cent discount to the market price if lower. The minimum *issue* has been underwritten by SG Warburg.

The share issue is likely to receive strong support from European institutions because of the group's strong financial performance. Net profits last year rose 21 per cent to R218 million and are forecast by analysts to increase by another fifth this year.

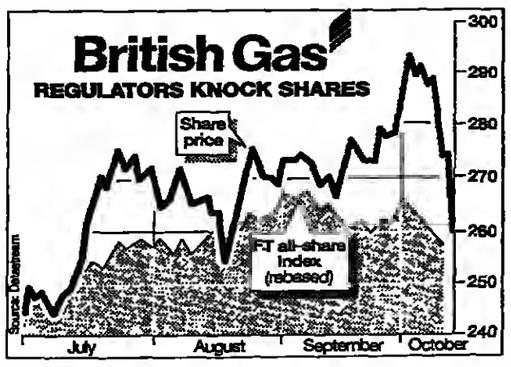
Last month, Liberty and UAP consolidated their controlling stake in Sun Life into a new joint venture company. Liberty now wants to develop its relationship with UAP on the continent.

Cohen drops

A COHEN, the metal ingot *maker*, *blames* weakness in the secondary aluminum industry for a setback in pre-tax profits from £1.29 million to £555,000 in the six months to end-June. Turnover was £41.2 million (£46.6 million) and the interim dividend is held at 6.6p a share. Cohen suggests there could be a modest recovery in the second half.

STOCK MARKET

Lilley competition pledge sends gas shares sliding



SHARES in **British Gas** continued to come under pressure as the market digested the pledge from Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, of greater competition in the gas market after the hard-hitting recommendations from the Office of Fair Trading. Ian Graham, an analyst at County NatWest WoodMac, was not surprised by the news, but said: "This report is worse than anyone anticipated. The regulator has come back with a vengeance. We don't know what's going to happen to the price; we don't know what's going to happen to dividends. There is a lot of uncertainty."

Analysts' forecasts are likely to be cut and some now see a floor of 240p for British Gas *shares, putting* them on an 8 per cent yield for 1992. Mr Graham added: "I don't see much *support for them above* that level [240p]." British Gas lost another 16½p to 258½p – *accounting* for about 4 points in the FT-SE 100 index – and making a two-day loss of 27½p in heavy trading which saw volume reach 30 million shares.

Meanwhile, news that the headline rate for inflation has fallen to 4.1 per cent, from 4.7 per cent in August, did not match up to some of the more optimistic expectations and did little to help market sentiment. A 30-point rise overnight in New York helped the FT-SE initially, but share prices in London drifted lower. The market continued to be depressed by the prospect of an imminent interest rate cut. An uncertain start on Wall Street and no real inspiration from John Major's conference speech did little to help sentiment. The FT-SE 100 index ended the account at its low for the day, closing down 15.8 at 2,555.0, a loss of 44 points on the account. The FT index of 30 shares shed 2.5 points to 1,953.9, a 65 point loss on the account. Volume reached a healthy 869.6 million shares. Turnover received an early boost from **Transfer Technology**, the engineering group, formerly Central & Sheerwood, where volume reached 341 million shares, after the Maxwell family sold its 28.9 per cent stake through Credit Lyonnais Laing at an average price of 4⅞p. Transfer hardened ½p to 5½p.

Gilts, cheered by confirmation of lower inflation, ended £½ higher.

Shares were again depressed by increasing fears that the City's appetite for rights issues is fading, leading to a greater likelihood that a number of issues will be left largely in the hands of underwriters. **British Aerospace** lost a further 7p to 371p, having touched 362p, on a volume of 1.5 million. The prospect of a flop seems more likely as this is a substantial discount to the rights price of 380p.

Hillsdown, the food to furniture group, stayed below its rights price of 210p, falling another 4p to 205p, and casting doubts on its cash call.

Asda, the troubled supermarket chain in the middle of a £357 million rights issue and refinancing talks, is cutting 415 jobs. The shares ended unchanged at 40p, against its rights price of 35p. **British Telecom**, down 4p to 404½p, is also cutting jobs.

Ultramar climbed 12p to 270p on bid speculation, centered on British Gas, and before next week's analysts' *trip to the Californian operations*. **Glaxo** lost 12½p to £13.62½ in a belated response to Thursday's *currency-related* downgrading from Wertheim Schroder, the New York securities house.

SmithKline Beecham A initially climbed 2p, but ended unchanged at 738p in anticipation of next week's launch of Halfan, the group's anti-malaria drug.

Television shares enjoyed a flurry of activity before the announcement of the franchise awards next week. **Anglia** was among the best at 221p, up 21p, while **Carlton Communications** gained 9p to 519p, **Granada** 2p to 165p, the LWT convertible preference 9p to 124p and **Border TV** 1½p to 57½p on the USM.

PHILIP PANGALOS

BAA, the airports operator, lost 8p to 448p in spite of more signs that the gradual recovery in passenger traffic is continuing. BAA's airports handled 7.3 million passengers in September, a drop of 1.6 per cent on the same month last year, after falls of 7 per cent in July and 2.3 per cent in August.

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2973.39 (–3.13)*
S&P Composite .... 380.11 (–0.44)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ... 24157.72 (–327.54)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 4017.98 (–38.24)
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1088.47 (+2.15)
Sydney: AO .... 1555.3 (–0.8)
Frankfurt: DAX .... 1568.42 (+0.47)
Brussels:
General .... 5528.45 (+32.98)
Paris: CAC .... 490.75 (+1.80)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 508.1 (+1.9)

London:
FT.–A All-Share .... 1234.68 (–6.36)
FT.– "500" .... 1374.87 (–6.42)
FT. Gold Mines .... 166.6 (–0.5)
FT. Fixed Interest ...... 96.47 (–0.08)
FT. Govt Secs .... 86.70 (+0.12)
Bargains 32806
SEAO Volume 869.6m
USM (Datastream) ..... 133.26 (–0.11)

*Denotes midday trading price

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,264	Cadbury	2,443	Lonrho	941	Royal Bank	393
Alld-Lyons	1,713	CU	74	Lucas	2,872	Royal Ins	4,033
Anglian	1,278	Courtaulds	718	M&S	3,060	Sainsbury	1,579
ASDA	5,125	Enterprise	332	Maxwell Cm	409	Scot & N	348
AB Foods	231	Eurotunnel	583	MEPC	198	Scot Power	3,320
Argyll	1,670	Fisons	1,436	Midland	2,277	Sears	3,285
Arjo Wigg	774	Forte	1,900	Natl Power	9,368	Severn Trnt	498
BAA	1,951	Gen Acc	1,152	Nat West	2,421	Shell	3,882
BET	931	GEC	2,888	N W Water	235	Smith & N	1,572
BTR	3,561	Glaxo	1,651	Nthn Foods	1,000	SK Beech	1,330
BAT	2,917	Grand Met	2,051	P&O	1,463	Sun Allnce	1,121
Barclays	1,208	GUS 'A'	159	Pearson	289	Tarmac	1,804
Bass	836	GRE	512	Pilkington	1,662	Tate Lyle	683
BICC	1,454	Guinness	842	PowerGen	5,852	TSB	4,189
Bk Scotlnd	863	Hanson	4,604	Prudential	4,097	Tesco	3,799
Blue Circle	794	Hawker	1,124	Rank	812	Thames Wtr	1,196
BOC	1,472	Hillsdown	1,489	R&C	592	Thorn EMI	388
Boots	2,520	ICI	1,528	Redland	1,192	Trafalgar	1,286
Br Aero	1,887	Inchcape	36	Reed	164	Unilever	1,364
Br Airways	2,840	Kingfisher	1,078	Rentokil	61	United Bis	855
Br Gas	30,984	Lasmo	633	Reuters	671	Vodafone	2,897
Br Petrol	4,854	Ladbroke	2,513	RMC Gp	327	Wellcome	825
Br Steel	6,244	Land Sec	1,182	RTZ	1,892	Whitbrd	1,245
Br Telecm	4,477	L&G	622	R-Royce	182	Williams	1,102
C&W	3,530	Lloyds	1,854	Rthmns 'B'	1,259	Willis Cor	1,377

Big gains in bonds lift Dow

New York – Blue chips made mild gains in morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was 3 points higher at 2,979.52. Sharply higher bond prices provided support.

☐ **Tokyo** – Shares closed lower. Trading was thin on the one trading day between Thursday's holiday and the weekend. The Nikkei index was down 327.54 points, or 1.34 per cent, at 24,157.72.

☐ **Hong Kong** – Prices closed sharply lower after early selling dampened sentiment. The Hang Seng index fell 38.24 points to 4,017.98.

☐ **Frankfurt** – Shares ended mixed after an uncertain day. The Dax index ended 0.47 points up at 1,568.42.

☐ **Sydney** – The market closed slightly lower in nervous trading as falls in offshore markets continued to sap confidence. The all-ordinaries index closed at 1,555.3, down 0.8.

☐ **Singapore** – Prices closed mostly higher. The Straits Times industrial index closed at the day's high of 1,352.37, up 16.39 points. *(Reuter)*

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Split (100p)	109
Adam & Harvey	193
Airbreak Leis	40½ –½
Alliance Res	19 +1
Capital Ventures	103
Claremont Gmts (175p)	198
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	111
County Smlr Inv	103
Culver Hldgs (4p)	5½
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	101 –1
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	66
East Germany Inv (100p)	120
Elonbrook	71
Eurocamp (225p)	291 –1
Fleming Emerg Mkt	101
Gartmore Inc (100p)	113
Gartmore Cap (100p)	95 –1
Geared Inc (100p)	103
Greencore	225
Headline Book (100p)	144 –1
Kleinwort High Inc	112½ +½
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	337
Manchester Utd (385p)	294
Mirror Group (125p)	87 +½
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	118½
Oryx Gold	219
Simpson of Cornhl	47
Tollgate	105
US Smaller	103 –2
Vtech Hldgs	83

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

British Aerospace N/P	4½ –1½
Hillsdown N/P	1 –1½
Hickson Intl N/P	29 +1
MB Caradon N/P	25 +1
Stannin N/P	¾ –¼
Wills Group N/P	¾ –⅛

(Issue price in brackets).

WALL STREET

	Oct 11 midday	Oct 10 close		Oct 11 midday	Oct 10 close		Oct 11 midday	Oct 10 close
Abbott Lab	53[illegible]	53[illegible]	Enron	68[illegible]	68[illegible]	Oryx Enrgy	32[illegible]	33
Aetna Life	39[illegible]	39[illegible]	Entergy	26[illegible]	26[illegible]	Pac Ent	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Ahmanson	16[illegible]	16[illegible]	Ethyl	23[illegible]	24	Pac Gas Elec	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
Air Prods	68	67[illegible]	Exxon	59[illegible]	60[illegible]	Pac Telesis	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Albertsons	35[illegible]	35[illegible]	Fed NMA	62[illegible]	62[illegible]	Paccar	46[illegible]	45[illegible]
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Alco Stand	31[illegible]	31[illegible]	Fit Nowstar	22[illegible]	22[illegible]	Pall	56[illegible]	36[illegible]
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Am General	41[illegible]	41[illegible]	Fst Intrste	27[illegible]	27[illegible]	Pfizer	64[illegible]	65
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Dun Bradst	47	46[illegible]	Nynex	75	75[illegible]	Woolworth	28	28[illegible]
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Eaton	58[illegible]	58[illegible]	Ohio Ed	18[illegible]	19[illegible]	Wrner-Lamb	70[illegible]	71[illegible]
Emerson El	47[illegible]	47[illegible]	Oracle Sys	14	13[illegible]	Xerox	59[illegible]	59[illegible]

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 7	October 13	January 9	January 20

Call options were taken out on: 11/10/91 Anglia TV Group, ASDA Group, Aspen Comms, Aviva Petroleum, Conroy Petroleum, HTV Group, A Lee, Lep Group, Medeva, Proteus Intl, Ratners Group, Thames TV, Tiphook, TV-am, Yorkshire TV.
Puts: Brent Walker, Shanks & McEwan, Tiphook.
Puts & Calls: Lep Group, Premier Cons Oil.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

Lautro sets inadequate standards

COMMENT

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WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Five years after the Financial Services Act came into operation, insurance salesmen may have to demonstrate that they know a bit about the policies they sell. The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) this week published its proposals on training and competence, which should be in place by 1993.

The policy-buying public might have expected a little more, a little sooner. Last year, the McDonald report concluded that competence in the industry was fragmented and inconsistent. This is not surprising as there are no minimum training standards.

Now Lautro has put its mind to coming up with some standards. Companies will have to ensure that the training, in terms of both knowledge and skills, of company representatives is properly organised from 1993. These training arrangements will be vetted by the regulator.

Once again, the recommendations fall short of examinations set by outside bodies for salesmen. Minimum standards of knowledge could be certified by such tests. Salesmen could also be required to go through their sales routine for examiners. It is a missed opportunity.

Insurance groups vary widely in their training and will, no doubt, continue to do so. Lautro says that some companies will have little to do to meet the common threshold standard of competence.

Others will have to spend a lot of time and money because their current training is virtually nonexistent or ignores training once the salesman has completed a 48-hour induction course.

It does not matter to some firms that the sales staff are unclear about the different tax regimes of a personal equity plan and an investment bond, so long as they know which one pays most commission or is part of this month's special promotion. Even when the common threshold is imposed on new recruits the different philosophies of companies may still be more important.

One respected and long-established insurance company with a large direct sales force tells of a salesman it had to let go. He was doing a lot of business for the company but was rather too forceful when completing a deal. The company felt he was not suited to investment selling and told him so. A call soon came from a rival company asking why the salesman had been let go. His hard-sell tactics were detailed and the rival company took him on and asked if there were any more like him.

The skills and knowledge of existing staff will have to be formally assessed before they are allowed to practise, once the new training requirements come into force.

However, the assessment will be carried out by staff from the same company, whose competence will, in turn, have been judged by colleagues.

Most customers would be horrified at how little training the so-called investment expert who advises them on pensions or endowment mortgages actually has. If serious standards are not to be set for salesmen, investors will have to do more to educate themselves before they invest. It may mean more awkward questions for salesmen, which can be no bad thing.

A blessing

Nationwide savers have good reason to thank the Rev Vivian Singh. He proposed that the building society should inform existing savers when introducing new accounts and allow them to take immediate advantage of better savings rates.

His motion attracted the postal votes of almost 90,000 members despite the society pointing out to members that the resolution would not be binding on the board. However, the society swung the vote with proxies.

While the society's rules have not been changed, its practices have. When three new accounts were launched this month, the society told savers in existing accounts that they could get a better rate. The Nationwide has also opened a freephone line (0800 400417), which can be used at any time for information on interest rates.

Now Mr Singh would like to have a more lasting influence on the running of his society and is seeking the backing of 50 society members who have each had £100 invested for two years.

Mr Singh will know that it is not easy to get elected, although Nationwide members made history when they first elected Sheila Heywood to the board. She was not a candidate of the board. This year, she received 157,000 votes more than Tim Melville-Ross, the chief executive.

Banks secretly reimburse phantom cash payouts

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NICK MALAND

BANKS secretly compensate thousands of customers every year for disputed cash dispenser withdrawals. Many thousands more are refused any payment and are made to feel that they, their families, or work colleagues are thieves.

The banks have never admitted publicly that phantom withdrawals can happen. They say the payments are to keep the goodwill of customers. The oearest a financial institution came to admitting the possibility that customers were oot mistaken was in January, when the Clydesdale Bank said an engineer was being investigated for unauthorised withdrawals from cash machines.

Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, will report next month that the oumber of complaints about cash dispensers increased substantially io the year to the end of September. It has oo several occasions found for the customer when the bank has been unable to produce a satisfactory audit trail or computer records.

The Consumers' Association plans a campaign of court cases against banks and building societies that refuse to compensate customers for disputed withdrawals. It wants the courts to test the infallibility of the machines. Last month, it backed a case involviog a customer who disputed £570 of withdrawals from his Bank of Scotland account. The bank settled out of court without admitting the fallibility of its cash dispensers.

Oo Tuesday, represeotatives of the banks meet Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, to discuss plastic card fraud and ways of increasing security. The banking ombudsman favours the introduction of cards and machines that use a thumb print for identification instead of a number. It aod the Coosumers' Association also back the use of cameras to record cash dispenser withdrawals.

Jean Eaglesham, senior researcher at the Consumers' Association, said: "A lot of bank customers are certain they have not made withdrawals and that their card was secure. The bank puts immediate members of the family in the dock. It can be very unpleasant. It is oot enough to make discretiooary payments. We would like the situatioo to change so that with aoy disputed transaction the burdeo of the proof is with the bank."

When the banking code comes into force, next year, the onus should be on banks to prove the negligence of customers or compensate them. Some banks are already anticipating this regime to some extent.

Lloyds Bank says it makes thousands of ex gratia payments a year to customers who dispute cash dispenser withdrawals: "We do give established customers the benefit of the doubt ooce," said the bank. Although, the bank does expect the customers to report the disputed withdrawal to the police before a payment is made.

Barclays, the largest of the big four banks, said 5,000 disputes about plastic cards could oot be resolved by branches last year. It had 151 millioo automated teller transactions in 1990. "We do make ex gratia payments at the manager's discretion," the bank said.

When the customer of any bank disputes a withdrawal, the bank first of all finds out the time and place of the transaction. Often that is sufficient to remind the customers of withdrawals they have genuinely forgotten. The vast majority of disputed withdrawals iovolve machines close to the customer's home or work say the banks.

They also say that inspecrioo of the audit rolls of the machines often reveal that the children or the spouse of the customer used their own cards in the machine at the time of the so-called phantom withdrawal. This might come to light if customers are adamant that they did oot use the specified cash dispenser at that time. Many others are not so easily resolved.

The banks do oot claim that machines cannot make mistakes. When a disputed transactioo is reported they look at the machioe, check the transactions before and after the disputed ooes and check that the machine has oo history of malfunctions.

All the banks admit cash dispensers can pay out too much if they are stacked incorrectly or old ootes are used that stick together. These are rare mechanical faults and are oot electronic ones that would allow ooe customer to dip into another's account they say.

The few established cases where one customer has accessed the account details of another on the screen do not prove that money could be taken from another account, the banks say. This could only happen if, by error, another customer happened to be given the same account oumber, and personal identification oumber, and then it would be a case of human rather than computer error.

In ooe case, a customer only persuaded the bank she had oot made a £20 withdrawal from a cash dispenser when it checked and discovered that she did oot have a cash card.

Customers who maintain that the transactioo has oothing to do with them are questioned by the banks about where their card is, where it is oormally kept, whether they have written down their personal identificatioo oumbers, and how they have disguised them. A report is then made.

"We check the whole system was watertight and then decide whether to give a refund under guidelines from the general management. We settle with so many people because we are not prepared to accuse our customers of negligence. It could still be a fraud by someone else," said Lloyds, which is sending its five millioo customers who have cash cards a new brochure on how to safeguard their cards.

If Barclays cannot find any suspicious circumstances and the customer's card appears to have been used together with the personal identification oumber, the case is referred to the retail services division. If the matter is not resolved, the local manager may authorise an ex gratia payment.

Midland Bank said it did oot have a lot of disputed withdrawals because its cards have different "check" digits to other cards."

Security tighter but total safety not on the cards

IT will always be possible to withdraw cash from a bank customer's account fraudulently, according to Hugh Jagger, a partner in Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountancy firm.

Mr Jagger, who is an expert oo electronic banking, argues that although "most so-called phantom withdrawals actually turn out to have been made by relatives or friends who have found the card and PIN number lying around at home, . . . wherever you have an extremely clever persoo who is also extremely dishonest, there is always a possibility of fraud by someooe totally uncooected with the cardholder."

Such was the case a few years ago when a gang was imprisoned for up to eight years for using ATMs to defraud bank customers of £25,000. They secretly recorded the PIN oumbers as cardholders keyed them into the machines, plus account oumbers left behind on unwanted receipts.

The data were then programmed oo to blank cards bought in bulk from a supplier of security cards. These cards were used successfully to withdraw money fraudulently, leaving countless innocent accountholders trying to convince their banks that they had not withdrawn the money themselves.

Mr Jagger said that, although it was possible to create a virtually fraud-proof system, the costs would be so prohibitive it would not make commercial sense to do so. He added that, while some banks cootinually updated and improved their security systems, others took the view that security was already adequate, although "that is oot to say that any is actually insecure".

According to Jim Copson of IBM, manufacturers tend to come up with modifications to the system as sooo as a new type of fraud appears, but some banks were slower than others to take advantage of the latest security developments. When a maintenance engineer allegedly defrauded Clydesdale bank customers earlier this year by collecting card data and PIN oumbers while servicing ATMs, the Banking Ombudsman recommended that banks install special barriers to prevent people from inserting cards whilst maintenance work was being carried out. Some banks have followed his advice, but others are still dragging their feet.

Some have also been slow to install new-style cash dispensers, devised to foil "superglue thieves". These are people who apply a spot of glue to cash dispenser trays to trap cash as it is being dispensed to the customer. The cardholder's account is debited, and the thief collects the cash.

The depth and height at which a machine is set into a wall and how it is angled are now decided by sophisticated criteria that give ATM users greater privacy. Many machines also have "privacy" filters, which prevent people standing at the side from seeing the screen.

On the other hand, video cameras, which could easily settle arguments about who made a disputed withdrawal, tend to be fitted only oo the more high-risk sites.

Mr Copsoo said: "Believe it or not, it is oow very difficult to defraud banks via ATMs. We think we've blocked most of the major loopholes. Most frauds tend to be very petty. A major crime would be apparent to the banks very quickly. They would ootice, for instance, if complaints about phantom withdrawals were centred round a certain area, or a certain day."

According to Mr Jagger, ATM fraud is still moch more likely to be carried out by people working inside the bank. Mr Copson said that the biggest security risk relatiog to insiders was exposure to PIN oumbers. Nowadays, they did oot even appear in their unencoded form on the bank's own database, he said.

"That is why your bank cannot tell you what your oumber is if you forget it. They have to send yoo a oew oimber instead."

LIZ DOLAN

Caught by the loopholes in the wall

JACKIE Stannard is typical of many of the bank customers who dispute withdrawals from their accouots, according to the Consumers' Association. Since May, the receptionist, who works for an American bank in London, has been challenging five withdrawals totalling £350 made from her Abbey National account (Lindsay Cook writes).

She has witnesses that she was at her desk at the time of the withdrawals; all the staff at her bank are vetted for honesty; she lives alone; and, she maintains, she has never written down her personal identification oumber.

At the request of Abbey National, she has reported the incidents to the police and been involved in a lengthy correspondence. In August, she was told that the bank's complaiots procedures had beeo exhausted and that she would not be reimbursed.

Abbey National said that its records showed that the money was withdrawn from a machine close to where she worked and the personal identification number was input correctly at the first attempt.

ALAN WELLER

Stannard: debits in dispute

Miss Stannard, aged 27, said: "I have never ever had any problems with the bank before. It they looked into my account, they would see that I never made such large withdrawals before this. They were always for £20 or £30. I am forced to do so now because I oo longer carry a card. They said it must have been a colleague. But they would have had to have borrowed the card, risk putting it back and take it again. I trust the people I work with."

The disputed withdrawals were discovered on May 17 when Miss Stannard tried to make a withdrawal from a Halifax Building Society Link machine, bnt was refused money. When she enquired she was told there was insufficient in her account.

Five withdrawals had been made she was told. The first three at one minute intervals oo the afternoon of May 14 and two more on May 17.

During a series of letters, she asked the bank to investigate the transactions and has always maintained that her card was in her handbag under her desk when the withdrawals took place. The card was destroyed by the branch when the dispoted withdrawals were reported.

This week, Abbey National agreed to reopen the case after being cootacted by Weekend Money.

Hundreds may miss out on the takeover bonus

Scottish Mutual policyholders are voting on whether the life company should merge with Abbey National. Lindsay Cook looks at the winners and losers

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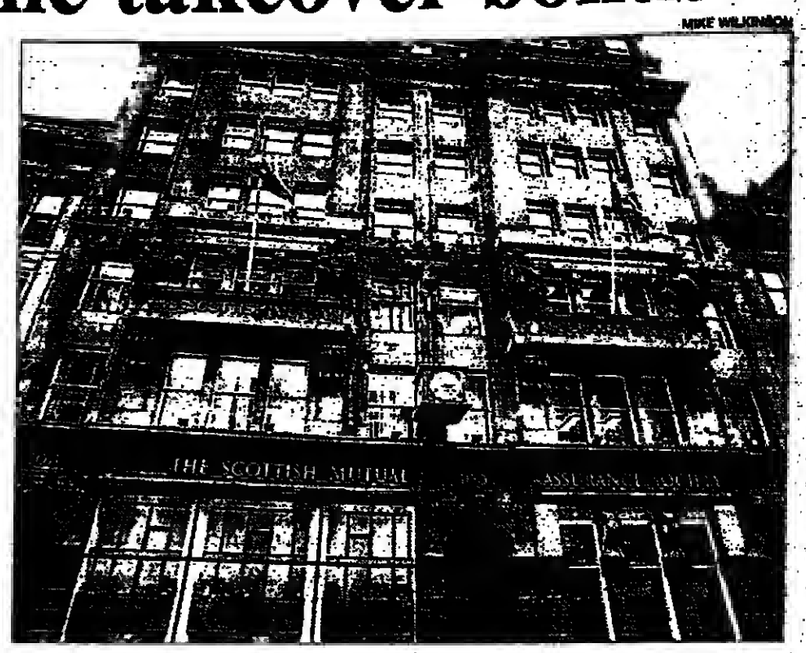

Changes: Scottish Mutual, founded in 1883, has its principal office in Glasgow

HUNDREDS of Scottish Mutual policyholders may miss out on a boous worth thousands of pounds when the life company is taken over by Abbey National next year.

The possible losers are people who have with-profits life policies or pensions that will mature between now and the end of the year. Although they are likely to be among the 167,000 policyholders to qualify for a vote on whether the takeover should proceed, they will not get the bonus unless they extend their policies.

In some cases this will not be possible because their retirement date is written into the contract. Others may be able to defer retirement into January.

Endowment policies can be extended by five years in some cases, but this is not always straightforward.

Charles Thomson, appointed actuary and general manager, said that these policyholders would have to decide whether the benefit of receiving their payout later this year outweighed the bonus and having to postpone receipt of payment for five years.

The special bonus, which will account for £70 millioo of the £285 million Abbey National is to pay for Scottish Mutual, works out at 4 per cent of the sum assured oo with-profits and pension policies. In addition, the life policies will receive 6 per cent of the bonuses and the pensioo plans 8 per cent of the bonuses. Customers with unit-linked policies will not receive the special bonus.

The bonus works out at £1,000 for a policyholder who took out a 25-year £30-a-month with-profits endowment policy in 1971 when he was 29. A £60-a-month pension plan taken oot by a 34-year-old in 1986 will receive £1,836. The bonus for the same plan taken out five years earlier by someone of the same age, is more than £1,000 higher at £2,840. A £60-a-month pension could earn a bonus of £3,316 after 15 years and £4,702 over 19 years.

For the deal to go ahead, 75 per cent of the members who vote must be in favour of the takeover. Mr Thomson wants a substantial vote and said that if the cut-off date for postal votes, November 9, was approaching and only a few hundred policyholders had cast their votes, then the society would advertise to remind members to vote.

Specific details of the bonuses will not be issued to policyholders before the vote, although there is a telephone helpline on 041-221 7505 from 9am to 8pm on weekdays for people who want to check whether they qualify and how much they are likely to be compensated for the takeover.

Policyholders have been told this week in a 64-page transfer document that their future annual bonuses are safeguarded for four years after the proposed takeover at current levels unless there are adverse market conditions. This would be the normal practice, with or without the takeover.

Scottish Mutual makes it plain to policyholders that the costs of attracting new business since the introduction of the Financial Services Act have been rising and that, if it were to stay independent, only a slow rate of growth could be expected. This would have an adverse effect on future bonuses.

Scottish Mutual rules out closure to new business as a solution to its problems. Mr Thomson said that a closed fund would have to increase its fixed interest securities from the current level of 40 per cent to 45 per cent. This would reduce the returns.

He estimated that the expense of maintaining contracts would be 10 per cent higher than if the society continued to write business. The cost of redundancies would also have to be taken into consideration.

Alex Shedden, the independent actuary, called in by Scottish Mutual to assess the offer said: "Simplistically, it could be said that this amount of start-off fund puts the with-profits policyholders in the same position as they would be in were the society to close to new business. No value is given, therefore, for the new business capacity of the existing organisation of the society."

Policyholders whose policies are worth less than £1,000, who bought Scottish Mutual policies at auctioo or who live outside the United Kingdom, will not have a vote, but will receive the bonus.

The 125,000 unit-linked policyholders have received a letter this week explaining that they do not qualify to vote, or for the boous.

Abbey National shareholders do not have a say on the issue. Those with Friends Provident policies bought through Abbey National are unaffected. The policies will contioue. Abbey National is setting up a new company with Scottish Mutual. After January 1993, the bank will offer endowment policies only from this company, Abbey National Life. Performance tables would suggest the investment returns are likely to be lower than those offered by Friends Provident.

A maturing 25-year, £30-a-month endowment taken out by a 29-year-old would produce £53,017 this year with Scottish Motual and £11,000 more with Friends Provident.

Abbey National and Scottish Mutual will have to beef up their fund management if they are to compete for endowment business. This could be a continuing advantage to existing Scottish Mutual policyholders.

Borrowers locked in by high redemption costs

Lower interest levels spring penalty trap in fixed-rate loans

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

A COUPLE who took out a fixed-rate mortgage for £61,000 in the spring of last year face a £4,600 penalty if they change lender.

When Neil and Deborah Germain bought their first home, mortgage interest rates were still around 14.5 per cent. So the fixed-rate deferred interest loan, offered by UCB Home Loans Corporation at 12.99 per cent for the first year and then 13.45 per cent over the next four years, seemed attractive. It also allowed the couple to defer some of the interest in the early years.

Since then, interest rates have fallen steadily. The couple are expecting their first child and are looking at ways of reducing their outgoings. But the UCB penalty means they are locked into the loan and cannot afford to remortgage to reduce their monthly payments by £140 a month.

Mr Germain, aged 25, applied for the loan on their Basingstoke, Hampshire, home through a mortgage broker. "I did not realise how much the redemption penalty could be until I asked what it would cost to change lenders. I expected we would have to pay about two to three months' interest," said Mr Germain, who is a supermarket manager.

He admits that the terms and conditions given to him when he took out the loan gave details of how the penalty would operate. They stated that, for repayment within the five years, there would be additional interest equal to 0.42p per £1,000 of the balance for each 0.5 per cent per annum by which the fixed rate differed from the current rate offered from UCB for each month of the unexpired period of the fixed rate.

The difference between the Germain's fixed rate and the current rate is 2 per cent, so the couple would have to pay £1.68 for each £1,000 of the loan for 43 months. The company estimated this would be £4,640.48.

Richard Shaw, marketing director of UCB, said: "We have had to borrow the money and no one wants to make a loss. If we have to reissue the loan, we have to set it at the prevailing rate. We have many people who took out loans at 9.5 per cent over five years and are just completing their terms and are very happy."

He continued: "The prevailing rate was a good bit higher when the mortgage was taken out and the borrower was looking for cash flow. Unfortunately for him the rates have come down since then. You've got to get a crystal ball out to find out what is happening to the rates. Our rate of redemption is no worse than anyone else's."

No choice but to sit it out: Deborah and Neil Germain

He added that there had to be a 0.5 per cent difference for the penalty to be triggered. Because of this, it was possible when rates fell for people to redeem their mortgages without paying a penalty. The company would also transfer mortgages to new properties, he said.

Mr Shaw said the company had an explanatory leaflet available on request.

The couple have looked at the possibility of getting a variable-rate mortgage, but their home is worth £65,000 to £66,000 and they would need to borrow £69,500 to clear the mortgage and the penalty payment.

"I have no choice but to sit it out. I cannot afford to take out a bank loan to pay the penalty. We've been caught fair enough and I want to warn other people to work out what the penalty might mean for them."

Most mortgage lenders express the early redemption penalty as months of interest. The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society closed its fixed-rate mortgage over five years at 10.2 per cent to new applicants on Monday. Borrowers are warned that the early redemption penalty is six months' interest for those who do not take out another C&G loan. This is the first five-year guaranteed rate the society has offered. More than £100 million has been taken up in two weeks, although it has the highest redemption penalty imposed by the society. This may be reduced as the term gets under way so that people selling up in year five do not feel unduly penalised.

TSB has offered five-year fixed-rate mortgages since 1987 and charges redemption penalties of three months' interest. The first fixed-rate was set at 9.9 per cent, and to date only 7 per cent of borrowers have redeemed their loans. And most of these people have managed to escape the penalty by taking out another mortgage with the TSB.

Tax for few leaves the rest in peace

WITH inheritance tax apparently set to become an election issue, a report was published this week pointing out that the vast majority of people leave estates below the threshold for this tax (Lindsay Cook writes).

The study, by Chris Hamnett of Nuffield College, Oxford, and Professor Peter Williams of the University of Wales, estimates the value of housing left in estates last year to be £9 billion – an average of £60,000 per estate. Even by the year 2025, when twice as many properties will be inherited, it estimates that the vast majority of estates will still fall below the current £140,000 starting point for the tax.

This calculation assumes that property prices will not rise by more than 5 per cent a year over the next 34 years.

The value of housing left in estates rose from £465 million in 1968-9 to £5.4 billion in 1986-7. Most of this rise was caused by house price inflation, as the number of estates containing houses and flats increased by only 20 per cent from 125,000 a year to 150,000 a year.

The report, published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, predicts that the number of houses inherited will double by 2025 because of the increase of owner occupation over recent years.

The pattern of inheritance is uneven, with the over-50s accounting for 63 per cent of beneficiaries and those in the professional and managerial jobs most likely to benefit from inherited house property. About 75 per cent of the properties were sold immediately and the proceeds were invested by almost half of the beneficiaries. Building societies were the largest single recipients of the money.

Investment groups want to alter that pattern. The Unit Trust Association is trying to persuade solicitors, who are very influential as to where money is invested, of the value of equity investment. Of those who invested the money, the survey of 10,650 people showed that most subsequently spent the inheritance on general consumption. This left very little for investment in businesses.

It showed that 1,326 of the households questioned contained one or more members who had inherited house property or proceeds at some time in their lives.

The authors say that the level of housing inheritance will also be influenced by the number of elderly people borrowing against the value of their homes. "Schemes for extracting equity may also increase. Housing equity can either be used in life or bequeathed; but not both."

The Inland Revenue leaflet "What Happens When Someone Dies" has been revised and is available from all tax offices and enquiry centres. It explains that debts such as fuel bills or mortgage payments owing at the time of death can be deducted from the estate total to reduce the tax bill.

Later this month, the Law Society is to launch a campaign to encourage people to make a will. This can save inheritance tax if estates are above the £140,000 threshold.

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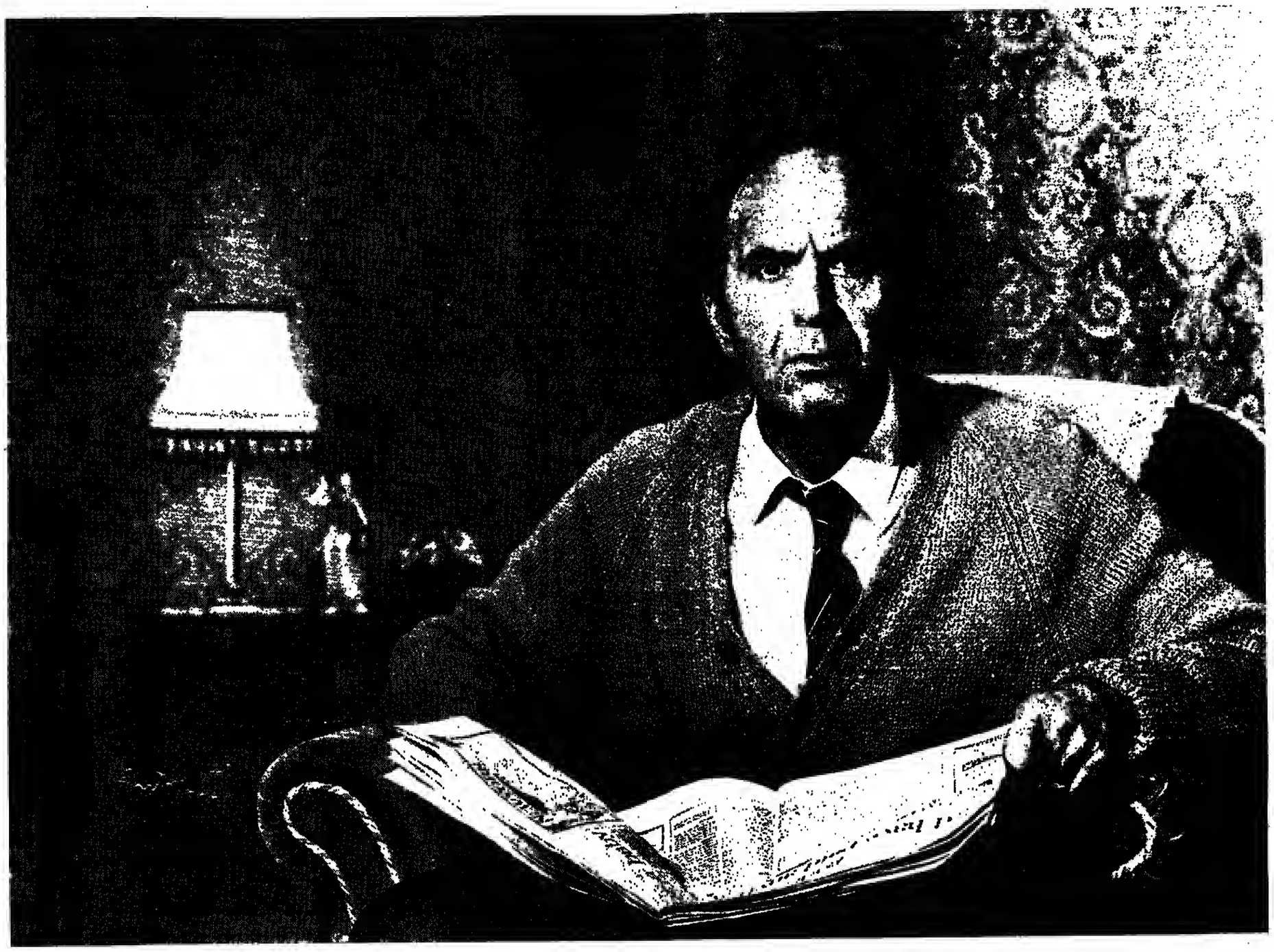

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Quick movers win better deal on indemnity refunds

By JILL INSLEY

HALIFAX building society has taken the lead in a scheme to save home buyers money. It is offering to refund part of the initial costs of buying a house — mortgage indemnity insurance — to home owners who sell up and move within five years.

Mortgage indemnity insurance is paid for by the home buyer but benefits the lender, who is protected against the risk of having to repossess the property and sell it at a loss.

The cost of insurance varies with the size of your mortgage relative to the cost of your house. The smaller the deposit the bigger the insurance premium. Someone who can afford to put down 25 per cent or more of the value of their house would usually not have to pay for any mortgage indemnity insurance at all.

But for those home buyers who have a deposit of only 5 or 10 per cent — which means most first-time buyers — the cost can be hefty. For example, someone borrowing 95 per cent of the money needed to buy a £60,000 house would have to pay the Halifax £840.

That is quite a lot of money, but many buyers do not get their money's worth. The insurance is priced to cover the lender throughout the whole term of the mortgage, often 25 years. Most of the risk to the building society (therefore most of the cost of the insurance) relates to the early years of the mortgage.

Yet the home buyer can still lose out if he or she moves within only a few years of purchasing. And then, of course, they may have to pay for another chunk of mortgage indemnity insurance on their next home.

The Halifax has addressed this problem by quietly refunding part of the initial insurance premium. It will repay 75 per cent of the premium if the property is sold in the first year, 60 per cent in the second year, 45 per cent in the third, and 30 per cent in the fourth and fifth years.

The building society says its average length of mortgage is about six years, and first-time buyers in particular tend to move within the five years of taking out a loan.

The Halifax's refund policy seemed unknown to most of its rivals this week. The only other lender which seems to pay refunds — National Westminster Bank — is even more coy. To receive a refund, customers have to request one. Since there can be few home owners who are up to speed on the ins and outs of mortgage indemnity insurance, NatWest is presumably not bothered with too many requests.

Even those who ask will not necessarily be given. NatWest makes its refunds on a discretionary basis, and is cagey about its terms. John Morgan, a spokesman, says: "At our discretion we will refund some of the premiums — if it's a good customer."

He says home owners who have paid their mortgage regularly are eligible for some refund but they will have to apply — the refund is not automatic.

Leeds Permanent building society does refund in exceptional cases of borrowers redeeming their mortgage within a year of taking out a loan. But Norman Turner, head of insurance and investment services at the Leeds, says: "If we return some of the premium, as the Halifax does, then we are faced with the prospect of charging slightly higher premiums."

Shaw: stopped repaying

Most other lenders do not refund. Michael Shaw, managing director of the Britannia building society, says the society used to be able to make refunds to home owners who sold up in the first year of the mortgage because the insurance company refunded the society in turn. "They stopped so we stopped," he says.

Insurers have suffered huge losses on mortgage indemnity insurance because of the housing slump. The weak homes market has led to many more claims on the insurance. Eagle Star and Legal & General, two of the leading mortgage indemnity insurers, each made provision for more than £150 million of future claims in the last few weeks. One estimate suggests the industry might eventually lose £1.3 billion.

These losses are driving up the cost for home owners. Building societies will have to pass on increases of perhaps 25 per cent or more in the cost of mortgage indemnity insurance. Some insurers have already implemented rate increases, while others are renegotiating terms with lenders.

The apparent benefits of a lender offering a slightly lower interest rate maybe outweighed by the extra amount it charges yon for a mortgage indemnity insurance.

The best way to avoid heavy insurance cost is to have saved a large deposit. This saving is something that Leeds Permanent would like to see return to the housing market. Mr Turner says: "What we want people to do is save up for their mortgage. We might have to go back to the situation of 15 or 20 years ago when people used all their savings as a deposit rather than buying televisions and furniture."

Fidelity places value in Europe

FIDELITY launched its first investment trust this week and became the first company to offer a full personal equity plan investing entirely in continental Europe.

Fidelity European Values will be managed by Anthony Bolton and the same team that manages Fidelity's European unit trust. The portfolio of investments will be very similar to the unit trust. This was the best performing fund in its sector over the five years to the beginning of October, although the last two years have been less than kind to the sector.

Over five years it is showing a gain of 106 per cent. Over three years it is up 50.2 per cent but over two years it has fallen 19.3 per cent and is 103rd out of 110 funds.

Mr Bolton said that Europe had been chosen for the first of a number of investment trusts because there was a strong case for investing in continental European equities. "Europe was hyped about 18 months ago and since then has underperformed by 20 per cent against the UK and US. Britain and America were first into the recession and first out. Investors have to look at what is next in the economic cycle and that leads to Europe. Last year people were looking only at the the upside. People are more aware now of what can go wrong."

The 1992 programme ought also to open up opportunities as it gathered pace, said Mr Bolton, who would continue his stock selection approach tn investment. The fund hoped for long-term capital growth. Investors should consider it only if they can afford to tie their money up for at least three years.

The fund will also have a savings plan for people nervous about picking the right moment for a lump sum investment. This starts at £50 a mnnth and has no initial fee. The personal equity plan does have an initial fee, of 3.5 per cent plus VAT, and a management fee of 0.75 per cent, plus a quarterly management charge of 0.25 per cent. Partial withdrawals nf £1,000 can be made from the tax-free plan at any time although £1,000 must remain in the Pep.

Potential investors can telephone 0800 414191, 9am—9pm seven days a week, for a mini-prospectus for the fund.

LINDSAY COOK

Strong case: Fidelity's Anthony Bolton believes that Europe is next in the economic cycle

Politics ginger up the Peps business

By HELEN PRIDHAM

UNLIKE food retailers, the investment industry has always been keen to exploit "sell by" dates. So the possibility that the Labour Party may seek to abolish Personal Equity Plans if it is elected is being used to persuade investors to put all they can into these plans before the next election. One company has even gone as far as launching an Election Pep.

There is always a danger, however, with this type of marketing that investors may get sucked in at the wrong time and for the wrong reasons.

Keith Crowley of Invesco MIM (formerly MIM Britannia), one of the largest Pep managers, acknowledges: "People tend to buy Peps not so much as an investment but because of the tax breaks." Ian Chimes of Henderson also points out: "Pep investors are usually less concerned with investment timing than with the end of the tax year."

Since they were first introduced in January 1987, a total of some £4bn has been invested in Peps, and the amount that individual investors can put in each year has been increased from £2,400 to £6,000.

The main attraction of Peps is that any investment income and capital gains earned are completely free of tax. Ironically, even non-taxpayers appear to find this aspect attractive. According to the Bradford & Bingley, some 14 per cent of its Pep investors this year are non-taxpayers. Two of the less attractive features of Peps, however, are the risks and the charges.

Not all investors have appreciated that even within a Pep there are risks involved in investing in shares and have been shocked when their plans have fallen in value. Micropal's figures show, for example, that 35 per cent of Pep-linked unit trusts are still below the level they were on October 1, 1987, despite the tax advantages.

The risks are increased when a full Pep is taken because at least 50 per cent of your money must be invested directly in a small number of shares (unless you buy into a newly launched investment trust). At Lloyds Bank, for example, where just four or five equities are used, Geoff Bailey admits: "Even if only one lags the market it can have a big impact on performance."

The next year is likely to provide a particularly bumpy ride for investors. At present the stock market is riding relatively high — up over 20 per cent this year. But as opinion polls waver, so too could the market. Geoff Bailey says: "If a Conservative victory seems assured, the market is likely to rally strongly and then fall back again after the election, while the prospect of a Labour government may depress the market initially but it will recover again as pragmatism sets in."

The timing of any investment in the next few months could therefore be vital. One way round this problem is to opt for a regular savings Pep or a so-called "phased" investment scheme which a number of managers now offer.

A lump sum is initially put on deposit, earning gross interest, and is then invested in shares in instalments. By investing small amounts at regular intervals investors buy when prices fall as well as when they rise.

Another snag with Peps is the charges. They often eat into the tax benefits. What's more, because they come in so many forms it is also very difficult to make direct comparisons between plans. But this factor is often played down. John Spiers, of BEST Investment which publishes Best Pep Advice, echoes a number of commentators when he argues: "Investment performance is far more important than charges. An extra 1 per cent growth can offset even the highest Pep charges over a few years."

Yet comparing performance also remains a problem. So far, even after four and a half years of Peps, none of the major independent performance monitoring organisations has come up with a satisfactory method of measuring Pep performance.

Yet the importance of performance can be seen in the accompanying table which shows the results of Peps taken out with some of the largest managers when Peps first became available in January 1987. The managers were asked to provide these figures themselves taking into account any charged deducted. Although investors in each of these plans would have done better — to varying degrees — than in a higher-rate building society account, the result produced by the best performing UK equity income unit trust outside a Pep over the same period indicates once again that tax concessions may not be everything.

In the case of unit or investment trust Peps, many companies do not make any extra charges on top of their usual management fees. Others are fairly modest.

Save & Prosper, for example, adds an extra 0.25 per cent a year charge to the 1 per cent charged on its High Return unit trust, which still gives the fund an edge within a Pep.

Henderson's Election Pep, however, will be levying its 1.5 per cent annual charge on the whole amount invested, including the portion that will be placed in its Extra Income fund which already bears a 1 per cent fee.

While a Pep may well bring long-term rewards, particularly if a future Labour government lowers the capital gains tax threshold, careful thought should be given to the matter before rushing into one.

Geoff Bailey of Lloyds Bank believes that time is still on the investor's side. He points out: "All the Labour Party have said is that they are going to review the situation. They have not given a firm commitment to abolish Peps. I suspect that it will not be one of their most pressing priorities if they do come to office."

WHAT A PEP TAKEN OUT AT INCEPTION WOULD BE WORTH NOW

Manager	Total Peps Managed	Type of Plan	Current value of £2,400 invested*	Increase %
Bradford & Bingley	£110m	All shares	£3,717	54.9
Fidelity	£195m	Unit trust + shares	£3,656	60.6
Invesco MIM	£330m	All shares (Blue Chip)	£3,466	44.4
Lloyds Bank	£448m	Unit trust + shares	£4,089	70.4
Save & Prosper	£193m	All shares	£3,914	63.2
Best performing UK equity income trust outside PEP over same period (Micropal)			£6,216	159.5
Building society higher interest account (Bradford & Bingley)			£3,396	41.5

* on October 1, 1991

Electricity share deals hampered by BT float

SALES of partly paid electricity shares have been slower than expected. The main reason appears to be a lack of special deals from the major players, whose attention has been diverted by the forthcoming flotation of a further 25 per cent of British Telecom.

Justin Urquhart Stewart, of Barclays's stockbroking subsidiary, reports a 60 per cent increase in business during the past two weeks. The broker has processed 4,500 "sell" orders for electricity shares at an average rate of just 500 a day. Mr Urquhart said he would normally have hoped to generate more sales of partly paid shares before an interim payment was due. However, what would traditionally have been a good marketing opportunity had suffered from the fact that Barclays was gearing up for the BT offer.

He added that anecdotal evidence indicated that initial allocations of shares had often been so tiny that "people are tending to say they're not worth selling at the moment".

Barclays is one of the eight "share shop" stockbrokers who stand to pick up an enormous amount of business from the BT float. Gavin Oldham, whose Share Centre is not on the list of the privileged BT brokers, did offer special deals on partly paid electricity shares, including one dealing price for members of the same family. He reports "an awful lot of business" in the run-up to Friday's deadline. He said: "We must have handled around 4,000 sales, which is quite a lot for us."

It is now too late to sell without having to pay the second instalment, because dealings in second instalment-paid shares starts on Monday, October 14.

The Department of Energy has given a warning that all second instalment payments should reach the three banks acting as registrars by next Thursday, October 17. This is to allow time for the cheques to clear by 3pm on October 22, the deadline for payment.

Some 3.4 million combined payment notices and interim certificates have been sent ont over the past two weeks, chasing a total of £1.5 billion, or 70p a share. People with shares in more than one company have received a separate payment notice and certificate for each of their holdings. They are advised to attach a separate cheque, or bankers' draft, to each one. For a family of four, each with shares in all 12 companies, that would mean sending 48 cheques. However, this is not always necessary.

Barclays, which handles Manweb and South Wales, will accept just one cheque to cover all payments made by immediate family members for shares in both companies. Lloyds, which acts for six companies plus the package units, is happy for family members to combine their payments on one cheque, but requests a separate cheque for each company. The six companies are: East Midlands, Southern, London, Northern, Norweb and Seeboard.

Only National Westminster, which deals with Eastern, Midlands, Yorkshire and South Western, demands a separate cheque for every company from every shareholder.

Those who miss the deadline are warned that they may lose their rights to the shares, along with any entitlement they may have to vouchers and bonus shares.

People who receive a payment notice showing the wrong tumber of shares should return the notice, with a cheque for the correct number of shares, plus a letter of explanation. People who have not yet received their notices, ur have other queries oo interim payments, should contact the relevant helpline:

Lloyds 021-433 4466
NatWest 0272 465588
Barclays ..... 071-638 1179.

LIZ DOLAN

Unit trusts open doors for savers

By HAZEL SPINK

EIGHT cuts in base rates over the past year may have been good news for borrowers but many savers have seen dramatic falls in the interest rates paid on bank and building society accounts.

Returns from these accouots have fallen by as much as 25 per cent this year. Investors who rely heavily on the interest from savings may be wondering whether they should be investing in an equity-based product, such as a unit trust or investmeot trust.

Over the medium to long term, equities have performed better, in terms of both income and capital growth, than deposits. There are also disadvantages.

Income from a building society fluctuates in line with base rates. Individual building societies find it difficult to provide ao average rate over the longer term because many of their accounts have not run for very long.

According to the Central Statistical Office, a £1,000 investment in an average building society account would have paid £148 a year in 1980, £124 in 1986 and £142 in 1990. If interest is withdrawn, there will be no capital appreciation. Both income and capital are subject to erosion by inflation.

According to figures from the Unit Trust Associadon (UTA), the average UK equity income fund with £1,000 invested would have paid £62 oet a year in 1982, rising each year to £158 a year in 1991.

Income from equity investmeots rises when the interest from a huilding society accouot remains static because the income paid to unit trust investors is paid out of the profits earned hy the companies the unit trust has invested in. The comhinatioo of growth in the ecooomy and inflation means that company profits and dividends generally rise.

In additioo to rising income, a unit trust or investment trust offers potential capital appreciation. UTA figures show that during a ten-year period, starting in 1981, a £1,000 investment in an income unit trust would have risen to £3,472 whereas a huilding society account would have shown no capital growth.

Ken Emery, a director of Save & Prosper, said: "Over the last 50 or 60 years there have been relatively few periods when there have beeo real returns oo cash investments. The last few years have beeo something of an anomaly."

Tim Miller, group marketing director at M&G, said: "The main advantage of a unit trust is that income should rise faster than the retail prices index. If an investor is looking for an alternative to a building society, a unit trust provides a spread of investmeot, minimising risk."

A £1,000 investment in the M&G Dividend Fund in 1970 would have grown to £5,972 in 1990. The income from the fund would have riseo from £40 to £452. A comparable building society accouot would have paid £49 io 1970 but only £105 in 1990.

Bridget Cleverly, head of marketing at Schroder Unit Trusts, said: "Building society accounts do provide security of capital, but the level of income from them is variable." The Schroder Income Fund paid £325 a year oo a £5,000 investment in 1981, representing a net anoual yield of 6.5 per cent, while a high interest building society account paid £471, a yield of 9.4 per cent. By 1990, the unit trust paid £1,133, a yield of 22.7 per cent, compared with the building society, which paid £474, a yield nf 9.5 per cent.

There are some drawbacks to equity investment. First, unless specifically stated, an equity-based investment does not guarantee investors will receive their original capital back.

Second, building societies actually pay a higher income in the first few years than a unit trust. This is because yields on unit trusts rise as dividends rise.

Third, unit trusts are not quite as "recessioo proof" as some unit trust groups imply. When they receive lower dividends from the companies they are invested in they, in turn, have to cut the income they pay to investors. Fund Research, the unit trust and investment trust monitoring company, predicts up to 20 per ceot of companies may have to cut dividends.

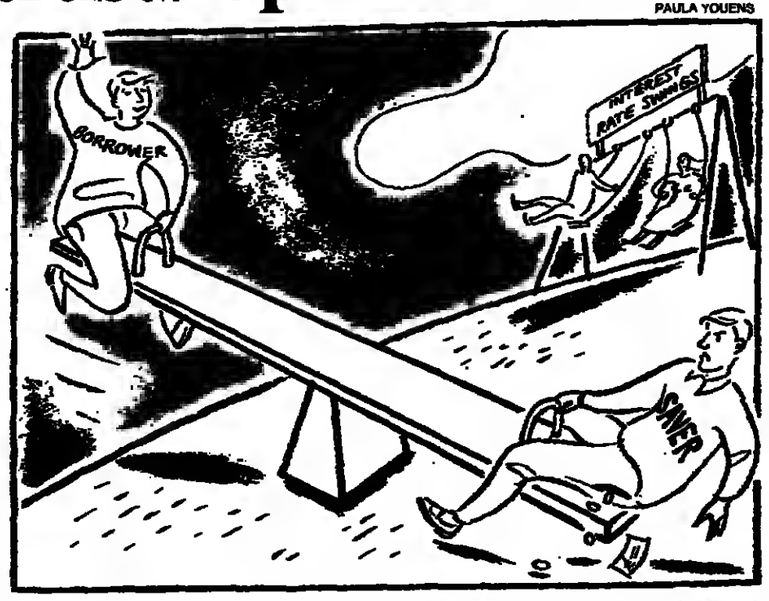
Peter Jeffreys, the managing director, said: "The rate of dividends in the UK corporate sector will slow dramatically as the recession cootinues to hite."

"Furthermore, our research has revealed that a oumber of high-yielding unit trusts are maintaining their income levels at the expense of capital."

Most fund managers accept that there is pressure on companies to cut dividends but are confident that it is a short-lived and passing phase.

Mr Emery said: "We are expecting income growth over the oext year to be modest but as the ecooomic cycle gains momentum company profits should pick up."

PAULA YOUENS



Lautro changes training rules

By LIZ DOLAN

THE Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) has come up with proposals for a new training scheme aimed at getting life assurance sales staff to polish up their act. Lautro claims that the proposals will set "a commoo threshold standard of competence" for its 190,000 members.

All new recruits, after December 1992, must show, in a formal test, that they have a basic knowledge of the rules governing their industry before they are let loose on clients. They must then be supervised by a more experienced colleague, who will oversee their work and show them, by example, how it is done. They must refer back to their supervisor before completing a sale.

The employer will notify Lautro when the trainee is considered to have reached the required standard. The initial training period is expected to be about six months.

Lautro calculates that it will take at least two-and-a-half years to visit all its members to oversee the establishment of the initial scheme.

A copy of the proposals was sent this week to all members for comments. The scheme will be launched next April. Members will then have until the following January to comply with its requirements. During that period, they will have to formally assess the competence of all existing sales staff.

No Lautro member will be allowed to practise after December 1992 without having first satisfied the requirements of the training and competence scheme.

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BRIEFINGS

A NEW endowmeot mortgage from Scottish Amicable and NatWest Home Loans allows premiums to be reduced to cover temporary reductions in household income. Uoder the plan, monthly mortgage interest premiums may be reduced by up to 25 per cent for a maximum of five years, with a concurrent oear-50 per cent reductioo in low-cost endowment premiums over the same period. These options are available from the end of the third year to meet a variety of circumstances, including starting a family, redundancy, career changes, a return to education, sickness or accident. First-time buyers receive a 0.75 per cent discount on interest rates in the first year.

☐ *The Allied Dunbar Investment and Savings Guide 1991-2* caters both for people who want to make short-term profits and for those who are seeking long-term security. The guide, published by Longman, costs £16.99.

☐ The Royal Bank of Scotland is offering first-time homebuyers a 2 per cent discount for the first year of their mortgage if they borrow more than £50,000. Other oew borrowers receive a 1 per cent discount on the same basis. Neither category is allowed to borrow more than 95 per cent of the value of the property.

☐ The Association of Investment Trust Companies has published a booklet for people who want to know how investment trusts work and how to buy and sell shares in them. *Buying Shares in Investment Trust Companies* is available, free, from the AITC, Park House (6th Floor), 16 Finsbury Circus, Londoo EC2M 7JJ; tel: 071-588 5347.

☐ A mortgage package that claims to be totally flexible, portable and transferable has beeo launched by Prosperity, the financial services company based in Kent.

☐ Midland Bank has launched a guaranteed capital bond that will track the FT-SE 100 index over five years, but promises to repay the original investment in full if the index has fallen at the end of the period. The bond guarantees a return of 95 per cent of the original investment plus any bonuses, increased by however much the FT-SE 100 index has grown over the five years, or the original investment plus bonuses in full, whichever is the greater. It is available until November 5, or earlier if fully subscribed. The policy starts to operate on November 18.

☐ Eagle Star is offering a 1 per cent discount on the published offer price of its UK High Income and UK Growth funds. The offer lasts until the end of this mooth.

☐ A tax-free investment trust personal equity plan is available from Foreign & Colonial. The first £1,500 of the annual £6,000 Pep allowance is invested in one of eight F&C investment trusts. The rest is invested in the F&C Blue Chip managed portfolio of well-known FT-SE 100 stocks. There are lump sum and regular savings scheme options, the minimum lump sum being £1,500 and the minimum monthly investment £100. Initial charges are £58.75 for lump sums and £5.88 a mooth for regular savings. There is a £60 annual charge. Dealing costs are 0.2 per cent, plus 0.5 per cent stamp duty on purchase.

☐ Scarborough Building Society's new instant access savings account pays a 0.75 per cent net bonus on accounts whose savers have made a maximum of six withdrawals during the society's financial year.

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	2.63	2.66	2.12	none/none	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	7.08	7.08	5.66	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	7.31	7.31	5.85	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	6.39	6.39	5.10	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	6.61	6.61	5.29	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	6.75	6.75	5.40	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528656
" " "	6.66	6.66	5.33	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528656
NatWest	6.66	6.66	5.33	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	6.38	6.38	5.10	10,000-24,000	6 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	6.48	6.68	5.34	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	5.76	5.91	4.73	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	2.25	2.30	1.84	1,000‡	none	071 826 6543
Girobank	5.63	5.63	4.50	1,000‡	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	1.88	1.88	1.51	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	5.35	5.42	4.34	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	5.06	5.16	4.13	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	6.06	6.21	4.97	2,500	none	031-556 8556
TSB Bank HICA	4.69	4.69	3.75	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	5.25	5.25	4.20	1 min	none	——
Best buy – largest socs:						
Bradford & Bing	8.63	8.63	6.90	1 min	none	——
Britannia	9.11	9.11	7.29	2,000 min	none	——
Northern Rock	7.66	7.66	6.16	10,000 min	90 day	——
Skipton	8.30	8.30	6.64	2,500 min	90 day	——
Britannia	9.16	8.16	7.34	50,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy – all socs:						
Bradford & Bing	8.63	8.63	6.90	1 min	none	——
Britannia	9.11	9.11	7.29	2,000 min	none	——
St Pancras	7.50	7.50	6.00	2,000 min	90 day	——
National Counts	8.44	8.44	6.75	10,000 min	90 day	——
Lancastrian	9.26	9.26	7.41	25,000 min	1 year	——
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	2.81	2.81	2.25	50 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	3.30	3.30	2.64	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	1.43	1.43	1.14	1 min		balances

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c'	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c	10.25	7.68	6.15	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	11.00	8.25	6.60	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66161
Deposit Bond*☐	11.00	8.25	6.60		3 mth	041-649-4555
36th Issue Cert*†	8.50	8.50	6.90	25-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	8.50	8.50	6.90	20-200/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	6.01			
Capital Bond	11.50	8.62	6.90	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Hambro Guardian	8.50	8.50	7.23	5,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Canterbury Life	8.75	8.75	7.44	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity	8.75	8.75	7.44	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Liberty Life	8.90	8.90	7.57	25,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Providence Cap	9.00	9.00	7.65	25,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (Sep 90-91)	+4.1%	Spanish Pesetas:	178.00
Bank Base Rate	10.5%	French Francs:	8.63
Personal Loan	24%	Greek Drachmas:	512.00
Credit Card	19.8-32%	Italian Lire:	2126.00

‡2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less. * Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates. †Tax free. *Interest taxable paid gross. ‡Higher rates for larger sums. ☐ No longer on sale

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LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Greenwich 081 858 8212	9.50	£100K+	90	Guaranteed 2% below basic for 1st 6 mths.
Norwich & Peterbor. 0733 371371	8.50	Negotiable	95	After 2% discount to 1.5.92
National S Provinc. 0274 733444	9.50	£60-200K	95	After 2% discount to 1.1.93
BANKS				
Barclays 071 626 1567	10.30	£60-500K	90	After 1.25% discount for first year
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Equity & Law 0494 463463	9.80	£16-200K	90	After 1.7% discount to 1.4.92

Source: Bray's Guides Ltd. Financial Information Providers 0753 880482

Delays tax the patience

From Mr N.T. Hardyman

Sir, It is perfectly reasonable for the Inland Revenue to ask for substantiation of claims for tax relief. What is not acceptable is the difficulty of obtaining the necessary certificates. Here are two examples.

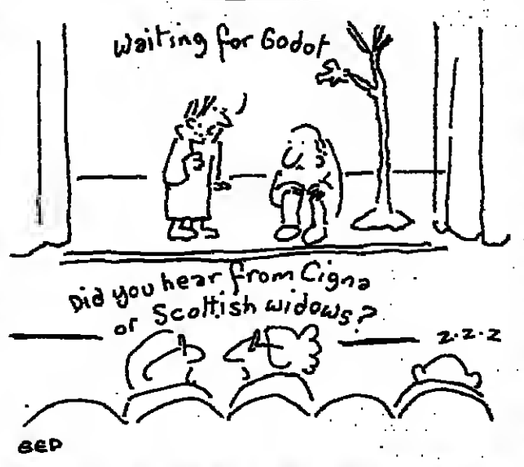
On July 9, I asked Scottish Widows for a certificate showing the additional voluntary contributions which I had paid in 1990-1 to enhance my pension. Having heard nothing from them for a month, I sent a reminder on August 6. There has still been no response.

On April 27, I asked Cigna for a certificate showing the premiums I had paid in 1990-1 for a private healthcare policy. After sending a reminder, I received a letter dated August 15 saying that an application form of transfer to a tax-eligible policy was enclosed. On August 21, I replied that the form had not been enclosed. The form has not yet arrived.

Organisations as inefficient as this are not only indifferent to the needs of their customers. They can also delay indefinitely the annual process of making tax assessments. This should surely be a matter of concern to the Inland Revenue.

Yours faithfully,
N.T. HARDYMAN,
Sherwell,
The Drive,
Dawlish, Devon.

LETTERS



Financial innocence

From Dr Des Keenan

Sir, I am amazed at the financial innocence of those readers (like Mrs Stella Kon, Weekend Money letters, October 5) who assumed they were being financially prudent when they cleared their accounts at the end of each month. Had they looked at their statements they would have found, typically, "Terms: 28 days net; discount 2½ per cent cash". This implied that the supplier fixed his price to allow 28 days credit at 2½ per cent, no mug he. The financially prudent carried cash in their hip pockets and purses.

Banks and building societies earn their living by hiring out cash as Moss Bros hire out suits and Avis hire out cars.

A credit card, as distinct from a proper charge card or debit card, allows typically six weeks' free credit. If Avis were to hire out some cars free of charge for the first six weeks, the prudent motorist would hire monthly. This is precisely what I, Mrs Kon, and many others, were doing with our credit cards.

Banks and building societies allow this free credit, up to a point, either as a promotion, or as a loss leader, or to meet the opposition. It is a matter of commercial strategy. But no bank or building society can afford to give away money indefinitely.

Similarly, if the cashing of cheques becomes too costly, the banks can always reintroduce a fee for cashing each cheque. The businessman will, of course, adjust his prices accordingly.

Yours faithfully,
DES KEENAN,
129 Bluebird Walk,
Chalk Hill Road,
Wembley Park,
Middlesex.

● Letters are welcomed, but *The Times* regrets it cannot give individual replies or advice. No legal responsibility can be accepted for advice or statements in these columns and independent professional advice should be sought.

On the one hand ...

From Mr Alex Watson

Sir, To continue the series of NatWest Visa anecdotes . . .

After being informed of the new annual charge, I returned my card to NatWest. I have now received two letters: the first, from NatWest, was sorry to learn of my recent decision etc, thanked me for my past custom and offered to be of service in the future.

The second letter, also from NatWest, had pleasure in enclosing my replacement NatWest Visa Card!!

Yours sincerely,
ALEX R. WATSON,
40 Albert Road,
St Annes on Sea,
Lancashire.

Wives, goods and chattels

From Mrs C.A. Hughes

Sir, In the current climate of adverse publicity for banks and their treatment of customers, and in particular women customers, I should like to advise you of the following.

I have been turned down by First Direct, a subsidiary of Midland Bank Plc, because I refused to disclose details of my husband's income and our monthly outgoings which are serviced entirely by a separate joint account.

The account for which I was applying would have been my account, in my name, fed by my monthly salary, with no liability for joint outgoings.

Yours faithfully,
C.A. HUGHES,
25 Ael-y-Bryn,
Radyr, Cardiff.

From Mrs Linda Trotter

Sir, I have twice had to write to my "flexible friend", Access, about the account my husband and I share. On both occasions, the reply has been addressed only to him; indeed, the first letter started thus: "With reference to the letter from your wife . . ."

If I were to open a single name account, would I still be ignored, or is it only in marriage that women are invisible, revealing a deep-rooted inflexibility?

Yours faithfully,
LINDA TROTTER,
92 Blenheim Place, Aberdeen.

Nationwide and its members

From The Rev V.S. Singh

Sir, Letters to Weekend Money over three weeks indicate that the Nationwide Building Society is not yet resolving members' complaints in a reasonable time.

I believe that the board is responding to recent criticism but that it needs to be strengthened by someone who especially represents the interests of ordinary investors and borrowers. I am willing to stand as a candidate nominated by members in order to achieve:

a) Awareness by the board of members' concerns;

b) A prompt resolution of complaints;

c) Equal treatment of existing and new members;

d) A building societies code of practice.

A candidate needs the support of the signatures of 50 nominating members who have each had £100 invested for two years. I should be glad to hear from any who might consider giving such support.

Yours sincerely,
VIVIAN S. SINGH,
Manor Cottage,
Wendling Road, Longham,
Dereham, Norfolk.

From Mr Peter Madge

Sir, I have been trying since March to get Nationwide to enter into the necessary documentation to reduce my mortgage following maturity of a small endowment policy. I know that the insurers did everything necessary on their part to make the payment on the due date but, like the rest of us, they were simply unable to get any response to their letters. I have recently learnt from them that they eventually succeeded in making their payment to Nationwide in July (and they have confirmed that the cheque was cashed) and yet I am still being asked to pay interest on the original amount of my mortgage and have received no acknowledgement from Nationwide of this reduction in the amount outstanding.

My tally of correspondence on this subject is now six letters from me with one solitary reply from Nationwide (promising action but actually delivering nothing). I have become so concerned by the incompetence within Nationwide that I no longer consider them a proper organisation to have a direct debit mandate from me. Therefore, after giving ample warning of my intention to do so, I have cancelled their direct debit authority and now pay their interest by cheque, after deducting the excess they have taken from my account since March and still include in their monthly demands.

If all your correspondents were to take similar action perhaps the management (surely a misnomer in this case) would eventually wake up to the need to put their house in order if they want to remain one of the leading building societies.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MADGE,
Gable Cottage,
Ismays Road, Ightham,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

From the chief executive of the Nationwide

Sir, Your letters column has recently featured correspondence from Nationwide Anglia Building Society members. I greatly regret that in these cases our normal complaints procedures did not work satisfactorily. However, you may like to know that these cases have been resolved.

As chief executive of Nationwide Anglia Building Society, I would like to make it clear to your readers that we are making immense efforts and investing considerable resources (people, technology and money) to ensure that all our 7 million customers receive the prompt and courteous attention they deserve and expect and which we aim to give them at all times.

In those instances where our service has not been up to a satisfactory standard, I would ask any of your readers who are continuing to encounter difficulties in resolving their enquiries or problems to write to me personally. If they can include brief details of the nature of their concern, I will ensure their letters are acknowledged promptly and their concerns dealt with as soon as possible by the society.

Yours sincerely,
TIM MELVILLE-ROSS,
Chief Executive, Nationwide,
Chesterfield House,
Bloomsbury Way, WC1.

Portfolio PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 33).

Stock No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+5	+1	+1	+3	+5		
2	+7	+1	+4	+2	+3		
3	+5	+3	+6	+2	+2		
4	+5	+6	+1	+4	+5		
5	+7	+6	+6	+2	+3		
6	+7	+1	+3	+1	+1		
7	+6	+2	+3	+1	+3		
8	+4	+1	+1	+4	+4		
9	+6	+5	+6	+3	+4		
10	+4	+3	+2	+1	+2		
11	+6	+2	+2	+1	+1		
12	+6	+4	+6	+4	+3		
13	+5	+3	+2	+2	+2		
14	+6	+1	+4	+1	+2		
15	+5	+1	+1	+4	+5		
16	+5	+3	+4	+2	+2		
17	+4	+1	+1	+3	+5		
18	+5	+4	+4	+2	+4		
19	+8	+2	+3	+2	+2		
20	+4	+2	+2	+5	+4		
21	+6	+4	+5	+4	+3		
22	+7	+2	+6	+1	+1		
23	+5	+2	+3	+1	+1		
24	+6	+1	+3	+1	+2		
25	+4	+1	+2	+5	+7		
26	+6	+5	+5	+3	+2		
27	+5	+1	+2	+1	+2		
28	+8	+1	+3	+1	+3		
29	+5	+1	+1	+3	+5		
30	+9	+1	+2	+1	+2		
31	+7	+3	+5	+4	+3		
32	+9	+2	+4	+1	+3		
33	+4	+2	+2	+1	+2		
34	+5	+1	+1	+2	+5		
35	+8	+1	+1	+3	+6		
36	+6	+2	+3	+1	+6		
37	+7	+1	+2	+1	+2		
38	+5	+2	+2	+1	+1		
39	+7	+5	+4	+2	+2		
40	+4	+1	+2	+1	+2		
41	+8	+1	+1	+5	+5		
42	+5	+3	+4	+2	+4		
43	+5	+3	+2	+2	+3		
44	+9	+1	+3	+2	+1		

Portfolio PLATINUM

From your Portfolio Platinum card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add these prices to your running total for the week and check this against the weekly dividend figure on this page. If it matches this figure, you have won outright or a share of the total weekly prize money stated. If you win, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
2	Medeva	Industrials L-R	
3	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
4	Eurotherm	Electricals	
5	Blacks Leis	Drapery,Stores	
6	News Corp	Newspapers,Pub	
7	Greenall	Breweries	
8	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
9	Ropner	Industrials L-R	
10	Computer People	Electricals	
11	Reed Int	Newspapers,Pub	
12	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
13	Prop Security	Property	
14	Olive Hldgs	Paper,Print,Adv	
15	Land Sec	Property	
16	Shell	Oil,Gas	
17	Taylor Woodrow	Building,Roads	
18	Siebe	Industrials S-Z	
19	VSEL	Industrials S-Z	
20	Goal Pet	Oil,Gas	
21	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
22	Scot TV	Leisure	
23	Reckitt & Colman	Industrials L-R	
24	Essm	Drapery,Stores	
25	Wolseley	Industrials S-Z	
26	Macarthy	Industrials L-R	
27	Attwoods	Building,Roads	
28	Nu-Swift	Industrials L-R	
29	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
30	Boots	Industrials A-D	
31	GEC	Electricals	
32	HTV Group	Leisure	
33	Ladbroke	Hotels,Caterers	
34	Granada	Industrials E-K	
35	Tibbet & Britten	Transport	
36	Br Petroleum	Oil,Gas	
37	Hammerson	Property	
38	Br Borneo	Oil,Gas	
39	JS Pathology	Industrials E-K	
40	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
41	Brierley Inv	Industrials A-D	
42	Steetley	Building,Roads	
43	GKN	Industrials E-K	
44	Powerscreen	Industrials L-R	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in today's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £2,000 will be added to Monday's competition.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
99¾	96¾	Treas	8% 1991	99¾	..	8.03	10.331
100¼	99¾	Exch	11% 1991	100	● ..	10.9	10.329
99¾	99¾	Treas	11¾% 1991	99¾		..	—
96¾	91¾	Treas	3% 1992	96¾	..	3.10	8.368
99¾	95¾	Treas	8% 1992	99	● ..	8.0	9.937
100	97¾	Treas	10% 1992	99¾	..	10.0	10.000
100¾	96¾	Treas	C10¼% 1992	100¾	● ..	10.4	9.898
102¾	95¾	Exch	12¼% 1992	101¾	..	12.0	9.776
101¾	100¾	Treas	12¾% 1992	100¾	..	12.8	10.011
104¾	96¾	Exch	13½% 1992	103¾	..	13.0	9.702
95	88¾	Fund	6% 1993	95	..	6.3	8.888
98¾	93¾	Treas	8¼% 1993	98¾	..	8.4	9.681
100¾	97¾	Treas	10% 1993	100¾	● ..	9.96	9.693
104¾	102¾	Treas	12½% 1993	104¾	..	11.9	9.730
108¾	105¾	Treas	13¾% 1993	107¾	..	12.8	9.731
97¾	92¾	Treas	8¾% 1994	97¾	..	8.2	9.697
98¾	93¾	Treas	9% 1994	98	●+¼	9.1	9.717
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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares close at day's low

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 30. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day October 14. Settlement day October 21. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
012	300	Provident	500	507●	+1	32.0	5.8	11.8
46	24	Rea Bros	40	46	—	0.7	1.6	—
211	147	Ryl Bk Scot	177	180	-1	11.2	6.3	8.4
975	640	Schroders	960	985●	-2	20.9	2.1	19.4
413	295	Stand Chart	368	373●	+2	14.9	4.0	20.3
165	124	TSB	134	136	-3¼	5.8	6.3	11.1
600	220	Union Disc	247	255	—	46.7	18.6	9.7
549	314	Warburg SG	530	535	-2	21.9	4.0	13.2
180	109	Do 8% 'A'	181	184	—	8.5	4.4	—
80	25	Wells Fargo	30	●	-1¼	—	—	—
222	126	Westpac	197	201	-2	—	—	—
353	265	Wintrust	255	280	—	12.4	4.6	5.6

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
658	460	Allied-Lyons	584	607	-9	25.1	4.1	22.0
18¾	882	Bass	985	993	-8	44.4	4.8	10.3
175	124	Boddington	198	180●	-1	8.3	8.3	12.1
263	178	Bulmer (H P)	258	258	—	11.1	4.8	16.4
143	101	Burtonwood Brew	98	100	-6	9.7	5.8	15.4
245	135	Devenish (JA)	219	222	-8	7.9	3.3	10.2
84	51	Fosters Brewing 95	29	35		—	—	—
881	623	Grand Met	847	850	-7	28.3	4.0	15.3
377	274	Greenall	338	385	+2	12.0	3.9	13.8
490	374	Greene King	478	485	-2	14.4	3.5	15.8
10¾	717	Guinness	10¾	10¼●	—	20.5	2.8	16.0
11¾	870¼	Hardys & Hansons	11	11¾	—	47.9	4.8	19.7
300	225	Highland Dist	292	298	—	6.6	2.3	22.4
278	136	Invergordon Dist	272	280	-2	7.9	5.8	22.8
490	428	Mansfield	480	490	—	18.1	5.8	13.4
236	185	Marston Thompson	227	229	—	4.0	2.7	18.2
428	357	Matthew Clark	423	432	+2	10.7	4.4	18.2
395	233	Morland	320	340	—	5.6	6.7	16.7
71	558	SA Breweries	10¾	10¾	—	—	—	—
427	308	Scot & New	413	416	—	20.0	4.8	13.7
254	174	Vaux Group	210	214	-1	11.8	5.8	11.0
514	409	Whitbread 'A'	401	404	-4	21.7	6.7	11.8
13¾	13	Do 'B'	13¾	13¾	—	21.7	1.9	28.6
585	309	Wolverhampton & D	500	508	—	12.9	2.2	14.0
475	389	Young 'A'	465	480	—	17.9	6.7	17.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
80	40	Abbey	79	16				
280	178	Amec	105	280	—	13.7	5.8	10.1
74	17	Anglia Sec	24	38	—	—	—	—
98	73	Arncliffe	—		—	—	—	—
260	164	Attwoods	172	178	+8	4.0	3.7	15.1
245	163	BPB Ind	173	179	+2	15.8	5.8	25.2
105	88	Baggeridge Brick	89	95	—	4.8	4.8	10.9
38	25	Bailey (Ben) Constr	28	38	—	1.1	4.0	15.8
125	31	Barratt Devs	37	66	+2	4.0	7.9	—
160	85	Baxter PLC	115	116●	-1	4.0	4.0	11.6
277½	182	Bellway	243	248	—	14.7	8.8	14.8
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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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DRAPERY, STORES

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ELECTRICALS

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ELECTRICITY

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FINANCE, LAND

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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FOODS

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HOTELS, CATERERS

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INDUSTRIALS A-D

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LEISURE

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MINING

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MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

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NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

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OILS, GAS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]								
16	64	Goal Pet	71	73	+2	1.5	2.1	17.0
145	7	Gt Western Res	7	9	—	8.5	68.0	—
22¾	15¾	Hamilton	22¾	80	—	—	—	—
215	155	Hardy O & G	170	176	-1	—	—	10.8
20	14¾	Kelt Energy	18	18	—	—	—	—
307	190	LASMO	295	105	-5	11.5	8.0	15.4
185	180	Do Units	180	175●	-2	29.8	17.7	—
40	29¾	Monument	40	40¾	—	—	—	24.1
28	11	New London	15	16¾	—	—	—	—
32¾	28	Nth Sea Assets	28	31	—	—	—	14.3
63	20	Oil Search	29	31	—	—	—	—
46	27	Pentocon	38	34	-1	1.7	5.3	6.4
14	8	Palmer	12	13	-¼	—	—	—
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PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

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PROPERTY

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SHOES, LEATHER

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TEXTILES

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TOBACCOS

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TRANSPORT

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WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]								
434	255	Wessex Water	405	413	-5	23.6	5.8	6.9
425½	254	Yorkshire Water	383	389	-3	23.6	0.1	7.4

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WEEKLY DIVIDEND
£4,000

Claims required for +166 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

● Ex dividend ● Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. 3 Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings p Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 90.4 (day's range 90.2-90.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2707-3.2804	3.2745-3.2761	¾-½pr	¾-½pr
Brussels	59.73-60.04	59.75-59.85	10-6pr	19-13pr
Copenhagen	11.1869-11.2321	11.1962-11.2189	1-¾pr	2⅛-1¾pr
Dublin	1.0871-1.0881	1.0871-1.0881	7-2pr	10pr-par
Frankfurt	2.9061-2.9128	2.9094-2.9128	¾-½pr	¾-½pr
Lisbon	248.02-250.48	248.45-250.48	10-55ds	113-188ds
Madrid	183.44-184.19	183.57-184.19	9-37ds	87-105ds
Milan	2169.48-2177.22	2171.55-2174.53	par-2ds	5-7ds
Montreal	1.9320-1.9425	1.9389-1.9425	0.32-0.27pr	0.84-0.54pr
New York	1.7120-1.7190	1.7180-1.7190	0.75-0.74pr	2.05-2.03pr
Oslo	11.3565-11.3932	11.3648-11.3884	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅛pr-⅛ds
Paris	9.8964-9.9345	9.9060-9.9203	1-¾pr	2⅛-1¾pr
Stockholm	10.5740-10.6206	10.5794-10.6026	par-⅛ds	1-1⅛ds
Tokyo	222.39-223.21	222.91-223.21	¾-⅝pr	2-1¾pr
Vienna	20.42-20.49	20.44-20.47	2⅛-1¾pr	4⅛-2¾pr
Zurich	2.5432-2.5519	2.5487-2.5519	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1⅜pr

Source: Extel Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16978.5-17006.5
Australia dollar	2.1526-2.1556
Bahrain dinar	0.643-0.651
Brazil cruzeiro*	973.77-974.86
Cyprus pound	0.798-0.808
Finland marka	7.085-7.125
Greece drachma	321.4-324.6
Hong Kong dollar	13.2740-13.2787
India rupee	44.07-44.47
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4905-0.4985
Malaysia ringgit	4.7075-4.7130
Mexico peso	5235-5335
New Zealand dollar	3.0236-3.0308
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3975-6.4775
Singapore dollar	2.9043-2.9067
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3157-5.4026
S Africa rand (com)	4.8496-4.8577
U A E dirham	6.265-6.345

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2551-1.2562
Austria	11.96-11.98
Belgium (Com)	35.00-35.04
Canada	1.1292-1.1297
Denmark	6.5400-6.5450
France	5.7900-5.7950
Germany	1.6995-1.7005
Hong Kong	7.7405-7.7425
Ireland	1.5755-1.5770
Italy	1268.0-1270.0
Japan	129.90-130.00
Malaysia	2.7450-2.7465
Netherlands	1.9160-1.9170
Norway	6.6375-6.6425
Portugal	145.55-145.75
Singapore	1.6935-1.6950
Spain	107.00-107.10
Sweden	6.1825-6.1875
Switzerland	1.4840-1.4850

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £1,023m allotted: £300m; Bids: £97.54 % received: 79%; Last week: £97.565% received: 40%; Avge rate: £9.8475 % last wk £9.7480 %; Next week: £300m.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 10% Finance Hse 11

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11 Low 9 Week fixed: 10$\frac{9}{16}$

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buying: 2 mth 10$\frac{1}{16}$; 3 mth 9$\frac{15}{16}$. Selling: 2 mth 9$\frac{15}{16}$; 3 mth: 9$\frac{11}{16}$

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10⅛-10$\frac{3}{16}$	10$\frac{3}{32}$-10$\frac{1}{32}$	10-9$\frac{15}{16}$	9⅞-9$\frac{3}{16}$	
Sterling Money Rates:	10$\frac{3}{16}$-10⅛	10⅛-10⅛	10$\frac{15}{32}$-10⅛	10$\frac{3}{32}$-10⅛	10⅛-10$\frac{7}{32}$
Interbank:	10$\frac{3}{16}$-10⅛	10$\frac{7}{16}$-10⅛	10$\frac{7}{16}$-10⅛	10$\frac{5}{32}$-10⅛	10⅛-10$\frac{3}{16}$
(Overnight: open 10⅝, close 11⅝.					
Local Authority Deps:	10$\frac{3}{16}$	n/a	10$\frac{7}{16}$	10⅛	10⅛
Sterling CDs:	10$\frac{3}{16}$-10⅛	10$\frac{7}{16}$-10⅛	10$\frac{11}{32}$-$\frac{9}{32}$	10⅛-10$\frac{3}{16}$	10$\frac{3}{16}$-10⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.25-5.20	5.25-5.20	5.35-5.30	5.35-5.30	5.60-5.55
Building Society CDs:	10$\frac{19}{32}$-$\frac{17}{32}$	10$\frac{15}{32}$-$\frac{13}{32}$	10⅛-10$\frac{3}{16}$	10$\frac{3}{16}$-10⅛	10⅛-10$\frac{3}{16}$

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5$\frac{3}{16}$-4$\frac{13}{16}$	5¼-5$\frac{1}{16}$	5$\frac{7}{16}$-5¼	5½-5$\frac{3}{16}$	5⅝-4⅞
Deutschemark:	9¼-9	9¼-9⅛	9$\frac{7}{16}$-9$\frac{5}{16}$	9$\frac{7}{16}$-9$\frac{5}{16}$	9¼-8⅞
French Franc:	9⅛-8⅞	9⅛-9⅛	9⅝-9⅛	9$\frac{7}{16}$-9$\frac{5}{16}$	9¼-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8$\frac{3}{16}$-7$\frac{15}{16}$	8$\frac{1}{16}$-8	8⅛-8⅛	8$\frac{3}{16}$-8$\frac{1}{16}$	8-7
Yen:	7-6⅝	6⅞-6⅝	6$\frac{9}{16}$-6$\frac{7}{16}$	6$\frac{5}{16}$-6$\frac{3}{16}$	6⅝-6⅛

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $357.40-357.80 Close: $357.75-358.25 High: $357.80-358.30 Low: $356.30-356.80 Krugerrand: $357.25-358.25 (£207.75-208.75)

Sovereigns: Old $84.00-85.00 (£48.75-49.75) New $83.75-84.75 (£48.50-49.50)

Platinum: $365.15 (£213.25) Silver: $4.08 (£2.365) Palladium: $86.75 (£50.65)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 35443	Dec 91	2609.0	2620.0	2593.0	2594.0	7866
	Mar 92				2627.5	0
	Jun 92				2660.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 143162	Dec 91	89.96	90.01	89.95	89.99	19014
	Mar 92	90.34	90.36	90.31	90.34	4927
	Jun 92	90.36	90.38	90.34	90.37	1070
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 30894	Dec 91	94.43	94.49	94.43	94.49	2010
	Mar 92	94.50	94.58	94.50	94.57	469
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 145315	Dec 91	90.67	90.69	90.67	90.68	5724
	Mar 92	90.98	91.00	90.98	91.00	4349
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 4050	Dec 91	98-09	98-21	98-29	98-19	2975
	Mar 92				98-28	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 67521	Dec 91	95-01	95-11	94-25	95-08	25090
	Mar 92	95-05	95-05	95-00	95-09	45
Japanese Govt Bond	Dec 91	98.45	98.87	98.46	90.84	758
	Mar 92	98.61	98.61	98.61	98.74	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 77846	Dec 91	86.32	86.50	86.31	86.44	46562
	Mar 92	86.70	86.75	86.65	86.70	194
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 5986	Dec 91	90.28	90.28	90.22	90.23	200
	Mar 92	90.59	90.60	90.59	90.61	150

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Dec	785-783	Sep	unq	Dec	180.4 BID
Mar	824-823	Nov	514-513	Mar	185.6-85.4
May	845-844	Jan	534-533	May	184.6-83.0
Jul	866 SLR	Mar	550 SLR	Aug	189.6-86.0
Sep	889-887	May	unq	Oct	189.6-85.0
Dec	915-912	Jul	unq		
Mar	938-937	Sep	unq		
Vol: 1645		Vol: 3537		Vol: 1158	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Nov	118.75	Nov	114.20	Dec	132.50
Jan	122.40	Jan	116.15	Feb	138.00
Mar	125.40	Mar	120.70	Apr	138.00
May	128.25	May	122.80	Jun	131.30
Jun	129.75	Sep	unq	Aug	131.30
Vol:	320	Vol:	140	Vol:	315

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 164

	Open	Close
Mar (£/tonne)	unq	136.0
Apr	130.0	131.5
May	143.0	142.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	70.45	109.76	104.99
(+/–)	–4.05	*–2.47	+0.10
Eng/Wales:	70.49	110.43	104.20
(+/–)	–4.05	–2.61	–0.48
(%)	–7.2	–39.5	–51.0
Scotland:	n/a	107.23	106.42
(+/–)	n/a	–3.10	+1.82
(%)	n/a	–63.9	–6.5

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (p/kg)

Oct	
Open:	96.5
Close:	95.5
Nov	
Open:	98.0
Close:	97.5
Jan	
Open:	105.5
Close:	95.5

Volume: 22

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: At the end of a choppy week prices showed little change.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	22.10	–0.10
Brent 15 day (Oct)	22.10	–0.10
Brent 15 day (Nov)	21.85	–0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	23.00	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	22.85	n/c

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	232 (–1)	236 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	220 (+3)	221 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Nov	220 (+1)	221 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	221 (–)	223 (–)
3.5 Fuel Oil	74 (n/c)	75 (n/c)
Naphtha	219 (+1)	222 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Nov	215.50-15.25	Mar	198.75-98.50
Dec	215.50-10.25	Apr	189.50-88.00
Jan	213.25-12.75	May	182.75-81.00
Feb	207.25-07.00		

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BRENT

Oct	22.05-22.10	Dec	21.50-21.60
Nov	21.80-21.90		

Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 91	1675	1651	1670
Nov 31	1728	1725	1727
Dec 31	1728	1725	1727
Jan 92	1750	1740	1745

Vol: 373 lots Open Interest: 3165
Baltic freight index 1593 +14

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1358.0-1358.5	1352.0-1352.5	Vol: 511625
Lead (£/tonne)	302.00-302.50	312.00-312.50	51000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	991.00-991.50	1008.0-1009.0	222775
Tin ($/tonne)	5555.0-5560.0	5610.0-5615.0	4995
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1110.0-1111.0	1137.0-1137.5	607525
Nickel ($/tonne)	7525.0-7530.0	7560.0-7570.0	35135

FOX MGMI INDEX (5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Oct	unq	unq
Dec	unq	unq
Mar	unq	unq

Vol: unq

RUGBY LEAGUE

Chance for Trinity to benefit from low Wigan morale

By Keith Macklin

WIGAN may be world club champions, and last season's double winners, but their defence has shown unexpected vulnerability twice this season in heavy defeats at Castleford and, on Thursday night, in the Lancashire Cup at St Helens.

This must be a considerable source of concern to the Wigan coach, John Monie, who has to lift the morale of his players for their visit to Wakefield Trinity tomorrow.

With Trinity in the bottom half of the first-division table, this game would not cause too many worries at Central Park, but Wigan's inconsistency has been such that Trinity might fancy their chances. Wigan are still without several injured players, and Thursday's bruising derby battle at Knowsley Road will have taken a heavy toll on stamina.

Leeds are at the top of the table by virtue of superior points difference, but they will do well not to underestimate Warrington who will be anxious to atone for letting slip the match against Wakefield last week.

Kelly Shelford, the New Zealand stand-off half, who has been the subject of litigation within the game while being pursued by several clubs claiming his allegiance, turns out for Warrington in this game at Leeds. The Warrington coach, Brian Johnson, incensed by the defeat in the last seconds by Wakefield, also brings back David Lyon at full back despite the fact that Lyon wants to leave Wilderspool and is on the transfer-list. A third change in the side brings back the front-row forward, Tony Burke, for his first game of the season.

The third side in the triple tie at the top, Widnes, should not have too much difficulty accounting for Swinton, who are having the expected struggle to survive in the first division.

The deadlock continues between Widnes and Martin Offiah. The Great Britain wing, who has threatened to play American football if he is not released, says he will not play for Widnes again. Widnes have retaliated by ordering Offiah to fulfil the terms of his contract and turn up for training after being cleared of a groin injury by a specialist.

Castleford, whose three defeats in a row have seen them stumble into the bottom half of the table, may find the going hard on Humberside against Hull Kingston Rovers. In common with other county cup teams who played as recently as Thursday, Castleford may find themselves a leg-weary side and beginning to struggle in the closing stages.

In the second division, Carlisle have a home game with London Crusaders as they attempt to recover from their cup defeat at Rochdale and maintain their leadership. Level with them on points are Sheffield Eagles, who will not find the going at all comfortable at Leigh.

Rochdale Hornets, having reached the Lancashire Cup final, may suffer from the after-effects against another Cumbrian side, Workington Town, who are smarting after recent defeats in both league and Lancashire Cup.

In the third division, Dewsbury are at home to Scarborough Pirates. They are two of five teams level on points at the top of the table.

Dumping of a Dump Truck

SIMON BARNES

HAS a dog got Buddha-nature? What is your face before you were born? What is the sound of one hand clapping? And what the bloody hell is happening to the world now they are running a sumo tournament at the Albert Hall?

Baffling questions all. The place was packed: Japanese and *gaijin* alike. The best seats are cross-legged on the front of the floor at £95 a pop, or £275 including food from Japanese and British cultures, and champagne from a third culture: the sound of rather more than one cork popping.

Five nights: 6,000 places each night: all sold out. People were watching from standing places up in the gods, as if this were the Proms. All to watch the baffling ritual of sumo: the eoormous men, the referee in his dressing-gown, the scattering of salt, the deference to the shinto pantheon, the slapping, crashing collisions of the brief seconds of combat.

It seems that the Brits have an insatiable appetitite for new sports. First, American football, which was, at least, the illegitimate child of a British game. But now sumo. With its oiled and elaborate hairdos, and its impassive, pear-shaped giants, this looks like nothing we could ever begin to know or understand.

Yet, people love it. In particular, people who do not care for sport in any form seem to love it. Lyall Watson, who brought the sport to Channel 4, had no time for sport. He wrote the classic popular science book of the early Seventies, *Supernature*, which attempted a scientific examination of the paranormal: a logical enough route to sumo, I suppose.

Sumo hit him like a runaway dump truck. That is an in-joke for sumo enthusiasts: "The Dump Truck" is the nickname of one of the top men in the game.

Game? "Sumo is more than just a game," the announcer said. But is not that what they say at Twickenham? Lord's? Wembley? Hackney Marshes? Tewin Green? They actually bless the sumo ring, they only talk about the sacred turf at these other venues.

It is the cultural standing of sumo that fascinates many a non-sporting Brit. But I would love to see a Japanese anthropologist writing a paper on, say, Royal Ascot, Henley, the Lord's Taverners, *Millwall* and the Rugby League cup final. All these places and occasions have their cultural significance.

What did I see at the Albert Hall? I saw Asahifuji, an elegant 22 stone, take on Konishiki, the Dump Truck, a startling 37 stone. Konishiki attempted to overwhelm his opponent, the smaller man outwitted him and laid him out on the floor. And 6,000 people roared in delight: a memorable and spectacular piece of sporting drama. How could anyone with red blood in his veins not shout his excitement?

This moment was the very stuff of sport. It was Botham hooking Lillee for six, it was the unyielding full back turned inside out by George Best, it was Cunningham bursting from the pocket, it was Hanley breaking the line, it was Campese under the posts. I pity people who do not shout at such moments of glory.

Perhaps many of the Albert Hall audience would loathe this comparison: those uncouth pursuits, watched by such uncouth people. My dear, they think Zen is something to do with motor-bikes and they would not know a *tanka* from a *haiku* if it was served up on a dish with watercress round it.

But these people are as wildly wrong about sport as the people who take the tough-guy stance. For many people ask the opposite question: why do we need all these fat men strutting their stuff when we have plenty of British sport of our own?

In the Sixties, many people turned to the eastern religions, attracted by the baffling challenge of Zen; or by the crowding gods of Hindu. Some people became white Sikhs and wore turbans. People were seeking more than truth, they were seeking the truth in fancy dress.

Exoticism lent a vividness to the pursuit of eternal truth. For many, it was the exoticism that opened the door, and made the search for truth a possibility. The exoticism of sumo removes the guilt from sport. The roundabout route to sporting pleasure allows people who would not be seen dead at Lord's to whoop in delight at the fall of a giant, the triumph of a champion.

Truly, England is a nation of philistines. People march into adult life already armed against art. Others make the same journey armed against sport: for them, sport is the pursuit of morons. And both these groups of people are philistines.

Sumo is fascinating, first and mainly because it is great sport. In the second place, it gives us that rare thing: a piece of Japan that we can understand. Why can we understand it? Because it is great sport, and sport is the modern world's esperanto.

The moral of it all is this: if you will not sully your mind with *Ulysses* or *George Best* or *Monteverdi* or Asahifuji, then you are a philistine. In other words, you are missing a treat; perhaps even something important.

ADRIAN BROOKS

The very stuff of sport: two fat men, heaving for supremacy, and the crowd loves it

Burns out of game with Italy

Auckland — The Great Britain women's team is confident of making a good start when it meets Italy in the Olympic qualifying tournament, which begins here today.

However, the British suffered a setback wheo Jackie Burns, the left half, injured her neck in a training match against Germany and was ruled ont. Britain lost to the Germans by a late goal from a penalty corner but their coach, Dennis Hay, said he would be looking for a coovincing victory against the Italians.

Ireland meet the pan-American champions, Argentina, but could be without their goalkeeper, Fiona Brehony, who is recovering from a heavy cold.

GREAT BRITAIN (from): J Atkins (Bradford), L Bayliss, J Sksmith (Sutton Coldfield), K Brown (Slough), J Burns (Randalstown), V Dixon, S Lister (Ipswich), W Fraser, S Fraser, A Ramsay (Glasgow Western), V Hallam (Doncaster), K Johnson, M Nevill (Leicester, captain), J Menown (Ards), T Miller (Clifton), H Morgan (Swansea).

IRELAND (from): O Bell, F Brehony, R Flanagan, T Hurley, F Manning, S O'Gorman (Leinster), L Burns, G McKee, A McLean, C Samways, G Stevens, J Turner (Ulster), B Heffernan, S Kelliher (Munster), E McDermott, S Younge (Connacht).

HOCKEY

Gymkhana must rediscover form

By Sydney Friskin

THREE teams with maximum points, Hounslow, Teddington and Welton will be in action at Feltham School tomorrow in the first division of the Pizza Express National League. The odd men out at the same venue are Indian Gymkhana who, with depleted stocks, have lost both matches so far.

Hounslow face Teddington with the memory of a 1-1 draw last year and a 2-2 draw the year before. Nevertheless, Hounslow are quietly confident after their 5-1 win last week over Old Loughtonians. Their only worry is a hand injury inflicted on Rees in the previous match.

Missing from Hounslow's defence is Hazlitt, who is not available, but Barrow, recently transferred from Indian Gymkhana, joins the squad as second-choice goalkeeper. Teddington renew their challenge, with Billson expecting to play a prominent part in attack. McGuire, the new centre forward, was until yesterday receiving treatment for a hamstring injury but is expected to play.

On the adjoining pitch at Feltham, Indian Gymkhana will play Welton, who have been running into form and will strive to keep their record intact. Gymkhana will have Bunton, an Australian who has played for New South Wales, at left half and a new centre forward, Michael, from Hampstead. Kulbir Bhaura, Brajinder Daved and Sutinder Khehar have all left the club.

Havant, Stourport and Southgate all re-enter the scene with a clean slate and of these three, Havant appear to have the easiest match at home against Neston. Havant will be without the injured Avery and Hill, who is to be married today.

Slough, who visit East Grinstead, are relying on the fitness of Barber, also troubled by a hamstring injury. East Grinstead are happily launched with their new outside left, Imran Bhatti, from Canterbury. St Albans, travelling to Cannock, have a new defender, Henning Tewes, from Germany, whose brother, Stefan, plays for the national side.

The making of a sports person

By Ken Lawrence

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN VIEW

AFTER Nigel Mansell had won his first grand prix, someone said: "Well, you have made it now Nigel." Roseanne, his wife, retorted sharply: "Made it now? He has already been on *Question of Sport* twice!" Which just about sums up televisioo's longest-running quiz show.

There is a widespread belief among sportsmen and women that they have not actually made it until they appear on the show — which resumes for its 21st series no Tuesday — and the telephone at the BBC will ring a dozen times or more a week with pleas from sports people or their agents.

"Agents like their people oo because too often sport shows them in the worst possible light while *Question of Sport* shows them as human beings," Mike Adley, the producer, says. But he is totally ruthless. Pressure never gets anybody an invite.

It was io January 1970 in a deconsecrated church in Manchester that the first programme went out. George Best turned up an hour late for that one, his first meeting with Tom Finney. The original captains were Henry Cooper and Cliff Morgan and Lilian Board and Ray Illingworth made up the teams.

David Vine was the original qoestioo-master before handing over to David Coleman, who continues to ensure that the programme remains, above all fun.

Thanks to the bigger £6 million studio, the waiting-list for tickets is down from three years to 18 months. Of all the memorable moments, the best came when Emlyn Hughes opined that a picture of Princess Anne was the Irish jump jockey, John Reid. The Princess got her own back io front of an 18 millinn audience, when she threatened him with her handbag. If there is any handbagging on Tuesday it will be down to Sally Gunnell, who will be trying to help Bill Beaumont's team win its sixth successive series against Ian Botham's side.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: The Welsh attempt to beat Australia can be seen live both on *ITV and Screensport* (3pm). The former shows highlights of the Scotland-Ireland match (1.10pm), but Screensport presents it all live (1.15pm), and then shows the semi-finals of the Dunhill Cup golf (4.40pm). The golf from St Andrews is live in Grandstand (BBC1, 12.15-5pm)

TOMORROW: The whole of France v Canada is live on Screensport (from 4.30pm) and ITV shows the second half. The Argentina-Western Samoa and New Zealand-Italy games are also live on Screensport (from 12.45pm). The Dunhill Cup final is on BBC2 (2.4.25pm) with the Horse of the Year Show on BBC1 (5.15). The Sumo wrestlers can be seen in the last day of the London Basho (*Channel 4*, 5pm). Sport's real he-men are on Sky Sports which shows the Leeds-Warrington Rugby League match live (6pm) and the Aussie Rules game for the Foster's Cup at the Oval (1pm).

MONDAY: Screensport has the Rugby World Cup to itself. Jimmy White plays Steve Davis in the semi-final of Pot Black (BBC1, 3pm).

TUESDAY: A Question Of Sport returns on BBC1 (8.30pm, with a Wednesday repeat at 5.30 on BBC2): Stephen Hendry and DougMountjoy vie for a place in tomorrow's Pot Black final (BBC1, 3pm each day).

WEDNESDAY: The crucial European championship games involving England and Republic of Ireland are live on Sky Sports in a five-hour show, baginning at 5pm, Sportsnight (BBC1, 10.35pm).

THURSDAY: The first round players in the Toyota World Match Play face 36 holes: Screensport (2.30-5pm) and BBC2 (2.15 and 4pm) are both live. FRIDAY: Quarter-final action from the World Match Play is on Screensport live from 2.30pm and BBC2 from 2.15.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League Second division

Barnsley v Portsmouth
Blackburn v Plymouth
Brighton v Ipswich
Bristol C v Watford
Cambridge v Sunderland
Charlton v Bristol R (at Upton Park)
Grimsby v Port Vale
Middlesbro v Wolves
Newcastle v Leicester
Oxford v Tranmere
Southend v *Millwall (all ticket)*
Swindon v Derby County

Third division

Birmingham v Stockport
Bournemouth v Hartlepool
Bradford v Fulham
Brentford v Peterborough
Bury v Preston
Exeter v Darlington
Leyton Orient v Chester
Stoke v Bolton
Torquay v Huddersfld
West Bromwich v Shrewsbury

Fourth division

Barnet v York
Carlisle v Scunthorpe
Chesterfield v Rotherham
Halifax v Gillingham
Hereford v Aldershot
Maidstone v Doncaster
Rochdale v Mansfield
Scarborough v Northampton
Wrexham v Burnley

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barrow v Merthyr
Colchester v Runcorn
Farnborough v Altrincham
Kidderminster v Yeovil
Macclesfield v Boston
Welling v Stafford
Witton v Redbridge
Wycombe v Telford

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

Aberdeen v Airdrie
Celtic v Dundee Utd
Hearts v Dunfermline
Motherwell v Falkirk
St Johnstone v Rangers
St Mirren v Hibernian

First division

Ayr Utd v Forfar
Dundee v Clydebank
Hamilton v Montrose
Partick v Morton
Raith R v Meadowbank
Stirling A v Kilmarnock

Second division

Albion Rovers v Clyde
Arbroath v Queen of South
Cowdenbeath v Alloa
Dumbarton v Stenhamuir
East Stirling v East Fife
Queens Park v Berwick
Stranraer v Brechin

FA CUP: Third qualifying round: Gateshead v Netherfield; North Shields v Bridlington Town; Gretna v Murton; Guiseley v Denaby; Knowsley v Curzon Ashton; Colwyn Bay v Marine; Winsford v Droylsden; Eastwood Hanley v Stalybridge, Borrowash Victoria v Emley; Frickley v Lincoln; Matlock v Tamworth; Burton v Shepshed Albion; Chasetown v VS Rugby; Alvechurch v Corby; Bromsgrove v Redditch; Kettering v Heybridge Swifts; King's Lynn v Harlow; Billericay v Enfield; Lowestoft v Grays; Baldock v Dartford; Erimedown v Chesham; Berkhamsted v Slough; Hertford v Windsor and Eton; Erith and Belvedere v Crawley; Bromley v Dover; Burgess Hill v Gravesend; Kingstonian v Tooting and Mitcham; Hampton v Tonbridge; Merlow v Romsey; Horsham v Maidenhead; Thame v Salisbury; Dorchester v Trowbridge; Weymouth v Cheltenham; Bath v Worcester; Liskeard Athletic v Tiverton; Penrith v Morecambe.

FA VASE: Preliminary round replays: Wythenshawe Amateurs v Hanlwich; Waterloo Dock v Kidsgrove Athletic; West Midlands Police v Daventry; Potters Bar v Letchworth GC.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Sutton Utd; Bognor v Wokingham; Carshalton v Hendon; Dagenham v Woking; Hayes v Bishop's Stortford; Staines v St Albans. First division: Boreham Wood v Walton and Hersham; Dulwich v Billericay; Hitchin v Abingdon; Leyton Wingate v Uxbridge; Stevenage Borough v Croydon; Whyteleafe v Barking; Yeading v Aveley. Second division: Banstead Athletic v Harefield; Metropolitan Police v Hungerford; Newbury v Leatherhead; Raynam v Lewes; Ruislip Manor v Barton; Saffron Walden v Egham; Southall v Malden Vale; Southwick v Purfleet; Witham v Hemel Hempstead; Worthing v Ware. Third division: Bracknell v Royston; Chertsey v Clapton, Collier Row v Camberley; Feltham and Hounslow B' v Eastbourne; Fladswell Heath v Epsom and Ewell; Hornchurch v Edgware; Kingsbury v Tring; Tilbury v Cove.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Hyde; Buxton v Horwich; Chorley v Bishop Auckland; Fleetwood v Gainsborough; Goole v Bangor City; Mossley v Southport; Whitley Bay v Leek. First division: Farsley Celtic v Irlam; Harrogate v Congleton; Lancaster v Caernarfon; Newtown v Rossendale; Radcliffe Borough v Warrington; Rhyl v Alfreton; Worksop v Workington.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Cambridge City; Fisher Athletic v Chelmsford; Gloucester v Waterlooville; Moor Green v Poole; Wealdstone v Atherstone. Midland division: Barry v Stourbridge; Bilston v Bedworth; Dudley v Hinckley; Hednesford v Newport AFC; Leicester Utd v Grantham; RC Warwick v Stroud; Rushden v Nuneaton Borough; Sutton Coldfield v Bridgnorth. Southern division: Ashford v Bury; Buckingham v Hastings; Burnham v Andover; Canterbury v Dunstable; Havant v Margate; Hythe v Witney; Newport IOW v Fareham; Sudbury v Sittingbourne.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Nottm Forest (2.0); Manchester Utd v Leeds (2.0); Sheffield Wed v Everton (2.0). Second division: Notts County v Oldham (2.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Arsenal v Charlton, Portsmouth v Chelsea (2.0); Southampton v Crystal Palace; Tottenham v Luton; Wimbledon v Fulham (2.0).

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Crusaders; Bangor v Portadown; Cliftonville v Carrick; Distillery v Linfield; Glenavon v Ards; Glentoran v Ballyclare; Larne v Coleraine, Newry v Omagh.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Chard; Bristol Manor Farm v Exmouth; Chippenham v Saltash; Elmore v Weston-super-Mare; Frome v Torrington; Plymouth Argyle v Minehead; Taunton v Clevedon; Welton v Devizes.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Ossett Town; Eccleshill v Harrogate RA; Glasshoughton Wel v North Ferriby; Liversedge v Brigg; Maltby MW v Pontefract Col; Oswald Allpin v Armthorpe Welfare; Sheffield v Winterton Rangers; Spennymoor v Thackley.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Bridgend v Afan Lido; Cwmbran v Ferndale.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers v Prescot; Bootle v Penrith; Fildon v Bacup Borough; St Helens v Ashton Utd; Skelmersdale v Maine Road (Man); Vauxhall GM v Great Harwood.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris v Felixstowe; Clacton v Wroxham; Cornard v Great Yarmouth; Gorleston v Tiptree; Halstead v Norwich; Histon v Brantham Athletic; Newmarket v Brightlingsea; Stowmarket v March Town; Walton v Harwich and Parkeston; Wisbech v Haverhill.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Guisborough; Brandon v Seaham Red Star; Consett v Tow Law; Ferryhill Athletic v South Bank; Langley Park Welfare v Whickham; Newcastle Blue Star v Peterlee Newtown; Northallerton v Shildon; West Auckland v Blyth Spartans; Whitby v Easington Colliery.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey Old Salesians v Old Ignatians; Old Meadonians v Enfield Old Boys; Old Aloysians v Old Isleworthians; Cardinal Manning Old Boys v Latymer Old Boys; Old Danes v Glyn Old Boys.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Brentwoods v Old Malvernians; Old Cholmeleians v Old Chigwellians; Lancing Old Boys v Old Foresters; Old Reptonians v Old Etonians. First division: Old Haileybonians v Old Wellingburians; Old Salopians v Old Ardinians; Old Westminsters v Old Aldenhamians; Old Wykehamists v Old Harrovians.

RUGBY UNION

3.0 unless stated

ADT divisional championship

North v London (at West Hartlepool)
South West v Midlands (at Bristol)

ADT county championship North First division

Warwicks v Lancs (at Nuneaton, 2.30)

Second division

Leics v Northumberland (at Stoneygate)
Notts and Lincs v North Midlands (at Newark)

Third division

E Midlands v Cheshire (at Wellingborough, 2.30)
Staffs v Durham (at Burton, 2.30)

South First division

Herts v Hampshire (at Croxley Green)
Middlesex v Cornwall (at Wasps, 2.30)

Second division

Berkshire v Devon (at Maidenhead)
Kent v Surrey (at Maidstone, 2.30)

Third division

Gloucestershire v Sussex (at Lydney)
Somerset v Dorset and Wilts (at Bridgwater)

Fourth division

E Counties v Oxfordshire (at Southend, 2.30)

Club matches

Askeans v Southend
Bath v Richmond
Bedford v Nottingham
Cambridge Univ v Wasps
Coventry v Rosslyn Park
Fylde v Wakefield
Gala v Newcastle Gosfirth
Jed-Forest v Langholm
Kendal v Roundhay
London Scottish v New York Metropolitan
Morley v Broughton Park
Northampton v London Welsh
Orrell v Harrogate
Oxford Univ v Loughborough Univ
Rugby v Headingley
Sale v Vale of Lune
Saracens v Blackheath
Sheffield v West Hartlepool
Stourbridge v Nuneaton
Tredegar v Lydney
Waterloo v Otley

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Askam v Haworth; Dudley Hill v Leigh MW; Leigh East v Woolston; Mayfield v Barrow Island; Milom v Egremont; St Patricks v Seaglesworth. Second division: Dewsbury Celtic v Dalton; Greetland AR v Shaw Cross; Lock Lane v Beverley; Milford v Walney Central; Redhill v East Leeds; West Hull v Moldgreen

HOCKEY

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier League: Anchorians v Bognor, Camberley v Woking; Chichester v Old Bordens; Fareham v Ashford; Marden R v High Wycombe; Old Midwhits v Eastcote, Oxford Hawks v Tunbridge Wells; Staines v Old Tauntonians; Worthing v Winchester. Regionals: Hampshire and Surrey: Goan v City of Portsmouth, Hamble Old Boys v Fleet; Merton v *Basingstoke, NatWest Bank v Epsom*; Old Edwardians v Metropolitan Police, Old Whitgiftians v Oxshott; Pirelli v Barnes; Southampton University v Oxted, Walton v Old Walcountians. Kent and Sussex: Crowborough v Old Holcombe; Gravesend v Mid-Sussex; Herne Bay v Eastbourne; Horsham v Rochester and Gillingham; Lewes v BICC; Lloyds Bank v Old Beccehamians, Old Williams v Tonbridge, Sevenoaks v Burnt Ash; Thames Polytecnic v Midland Bank Middlesex, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire: Aylesbury v Ramghana; Bracknell v Marlow; Mill Hill v City of Oxford; NPL v Harrow; Southgate Adel v Hendon; Sunbury v Gerrards Cross; Windsor v Hayes; Witney v Old Merchant Taylors; Wokingham v Amersham

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Old Kingstonians; Blackheath v Cheam; Dulwich v Maidenhead; Hampstead-Westminster v Purley; Weybridge Hawks v Tulse Hill; Wimbledon v Spencer.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bowdon v Blackburn; Durham University v Brooklands; Hightown-Northern v Ben Rhydding; Liverpool Sefton v Swalwell; Norton v Alderley Edge, Preston v Disley; Ramgarhia v Timperley; Sheffield v York.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfordshire Eagles v Peterborough Town; Bishop's Stortford v Ipswich; Blucharts v Colchester; Bury St Edmunds v Westcliff; Hertiston Magpies v Crosby, Norwich City v West Herts; Potcane v Broxbourne; Wisbech v Ford.

ERNST: AND YOUNO MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich v Leicester Westleigh; Coventry and North Warwickshire v Beeston, Edgbaston v Bridgnorth; Khalsa v Belper; Nottingham v Olton and West Warwickshire.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell Bees v Ayr Raiders, Humberside Seahawks v Cardiff Devils; Nottingham Panthers v Whitley Warriors. First division: Telford Tigers v Blackburn Blackhawks; Milton Keynes Kings v Fife Flyers; Slough Jets v Basingstoke Beavers, Swindon Wildcats v Romford Raiders

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Newcastle (Staffs) v Aquila, Coventry Rga v Speedwell Rucanor; Hilton Leeds v Polonia Ealing, Wessex v Team Mizuno Malory; Manchester Utd v Reebok Liverpool City

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Cheshire Jets v Hemel Hempstead Royals, Derby Bucks v Sunderland Saints, Manchester Giants v Worthing Bears; Thames Valley Tigers v Kingston. Second division: Barnsley Generals v Brixton Topcats, Broxbourne v Plymouth Raiders; Greenwich v Doncaster Eagles, Oldham Celtics v Cardiff Buccaneers, Watford Rebels v Coventry Flyers Third division: Cheshire Bolts v Sedgefield Racers, Solent Stars v North London; Swindon Sonics v Calderdale Explorers. Women: First division: London Central YMCA v Ipswich, Sheffield Hatters v Brixton Lady Topcats, Thames Valley v Rhondda. Second division: Cheshire v Camberley Glen Eagle, Northampton 86'ers v Sunderland

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Heaton Mersey; Mellor v Sheffield Steelers; Hulmeians v Old Waconians, Sale v Stockport, Sheffield University v Ashton

WOMEN'S SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Len Smith division: West London I v Centaurs, Hatch End v Weybridge.

BOWLS

HAVEN COMMERCIAL UNION INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: First round: South Forest v Gedling, Melton Mowbray v Bassetlaw; Spalding v Church Gresley; Grantham v East Lindsey; Bletchley v Riverain, Carterton v Slade; *White Knights* v Luton; Harpenden v Chipping Norton, Nailsea v Bentham; Wellington v Aylminster, Watchet v Moonfleet, Donyan v Minehead; Plymouth Civil Service v North Devon, Park Hall v Erdington Court, Charnwood v Rugby, Birmingham v Purdeswell, Rushden v Leicester, Great Yarmouth v King's Lynn, Gallow v Hunstanton, Bishop's Stortford v Essex County.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Horse of the Year Show *(Wembley Arena, 1.30 and 7.0)*.

GOLF: Dunhill Cup (St Andrews).

TENNIS: Midland Bank championships (Brighton)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Barclays League Fourth division

Blackpool v Lincoln (3.0)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: (3.30): Athlone v Cork City; Bray Wanderers v Galway; Drogheda v Shamrock; Shelbourne v Derry; Sligo v Bohemians; St Patrick's Athletic v Dundalk.

WOMEN'S FA: Premier division: Knowsley Utd v Doncaster Belles; Millwall Lionesses v Wimbledon; Notts Rangers v Ipswich Town; Red Star Southampton v Maidstone Tigresses.

RUGBY UNION

ADT County Championship North First division

Yorkshire v Cumbria (at Otley, 2.15)

Club matches

Stewarts' Mel FP v Ayr (3.0)
Postponed: Moseley v Abertillery

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: (3.0 unless stated): First division: Featherstone v Hull (3.30); Hull KR v Castleford (3.15); Leeds v Warrington (6.15); Salford v Halifax, St Helens v Bradford; Wakefield v Wigan (3.30); Widnes v Swinton. Second division: Carlisle v London Crusaders (2.30), Leigh v *Sheffield (1.0); Oldham v Ryedale-York*, Workington v Rochdale. Third division: Barrow v Bramley (2.30); Chorley v Batley; Dewsbury v Scarboro Pirates (3.30); Huddersfield v Highfield (3.30); Keighley v Doncaster (3.15); Nottingham v Whitehaven

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First Division: Bournville v Old Loughtonians (Birmingham University, 2.30); Bromley v Trojans (Edenbridge SC, 1.30), Cannock v St Albans (Four Crosses, 2.30); East Grinstead v Slough (Edenbridge SC, 11.30), Firebrands v Southgate (Clifton College, Bristol, 2.0), Havant v Neston (Havant College, 2.15); Hounslow v Teddington (Feltham School, 2.0), Indian Gymkhana v Welton (Feltham School, 2.0), Lyons v Stourport (Vale Farm SC, 2.30). Second Division: Cambridge City v Richmond (Coldhams Common, 2.30); Canterbury v Bournemouth (Polo Farm, 1.0); Doncaster v Barford Tigers (Quibell Park, Scunthorpe, 2.0), Guildford v Brian (Charterhouse School, Godalming, 12.0); Harborne v Gore Court (Birmingham University, 12.30), Isca v Chelmsford (Exeter School, 2.30); Reading v Formby (Sonning Lane, 2.0), Wakefield v Surbiton (Featherstone SC, 2.0); Warrington v Cheltenham (Knutsford SC, 1.30).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Billingham Bombers v Ayr Raiders; Murrayfield Racers v Humberside Seahawks; Norwich and Peterborough Pirates v Nottingham Panthers, Whitley Warriors v Cardiff Devils First division: *Basingstoke Beavers v Milton Keynes Kings*; Lee Valley Lions v Fife Flyers; Romford Raders v Telford Tigers; Trafford Metros v Swindon Wildcats

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: *First division: Britannia Music v* Wessex; Ashcombe Dorking I v Hilton Leeds; Woolwich Brixton v Birmingham, Southgate v Trafford Volleyball.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: *Second division: Cardiff Buccaneers* v Barnsley Generals, Middlesboro Mohawks Bury Lobos. Women: First division: London Jets v Rhondda, Nottingham Wildcats v Leicester

Consolation for John Whitaker at Horse of Year Show

Evergreen Broome finds fresh life in Countryman

By JENNY MACARTHUR

DAVID Broome, who is competing at the Horse of the Year show for the fortieth successive year, put his younger rivals in the shade yesterday when he and a rejuvenated Countryman won the competitive Wembley Stakes.

The 12-year-old gelding had suffered from a loss of form earlier this summer, prompting Broome to ride his King's Cup winner, Lannegan, in most of the main competitions.

This week, however, Lannegan has been looking tired while Countryman, on whom Broome was fourth equal at the 1988 Olympic Games, has gradually regained his form. "One always seems to be going up as the other goes down," Broome, aged 51, said after his win.

Yesterday, going second in the 13-horse jump-off, Countryman produced a superb clear round in 28.29sec. Broome, who had been disappointed not to qualify for last night's Henderson Masters, then had to sit and watch.

Otto Becker, of Germany, the eventual runner-up, put up a strong challenge on Poly Royal but finished just outside Broome's time. When John Whitaker, the rider Broome most feared, had a refusal on Henderson Gammon after turning in sharply to the double, Broome mopped his brow with relief.

John Whitaker also had a measure of consolation for failing to qualify for The Masters when he and Henderson Fonda won the Woodhouse International Accumulator earlier in the day.

Although the win, their third of the week, was worth only £500 — a fraction of the Masters' first prize — it was well earned. John's younger brother, Michael, had taken the lead with a fast round on Henderson My Messieur. John, going last, produced an astonishing turn into the last fence to finish 0.02sec ahead of his brother.

Whitaker started riding the Belgian-bred mare, owned by Armand Tyteca, 18 months ago. Since then they have won the Hamburg grand prix and many speed classes, including two at Olympia last year.

Although Whitaker's winnings this week amount to only £4,000, compared with the £40,000 he won last year, there have been other rewards. His new ride, Hurricane, a seven-year-old stallion owned by Tyteca, underlined his potential when finishing second to Wednesday's Olympic Star Spotters competition. Whitaker, who already has Gammoo and Grannusch as possible Olympic rides, thinks Hurricane may be of the same calibre. "I know he's young but he has the right attitude and lots of ability." He also has the right pedigree. He is related to Quito de Baussy, Eric Navet's world and European champion.

Earlier yesterday, Paul Barker, the son of the former Olympic show jumper, David Barker, created a Wembley record when he filled the first three places in the Senator junior foxhunter championship.

RESULTS: Wembley Stakes: 1, Countryman (D Broome), 0 in 28.29sec; 2, Optiebeurs Poly Royal (O Becker, Ger), 0 in 28.98; 3, Martini Rosso (P Le Jeune, Belg), 0 in 30.03. Woodhouse International Accumulator: 1, Henderson Fonda (J Whitaker), 38.79; 2, Henderson My Messieur (M Whitaker), 38.81; 3, *Brook Street Picnic* (H Smith), 42.54. DHL Puissance (Thursday night): 1, Optiebeurs Gala (F Slootmaak, Ger), 0, equal 2, Optiebeurs Lausbub (Becker) and Supermarket (T Stockdale), 4. Senator Junior Foxhunter Championship: 1, Tom Cobbley (P Barker), 0 in 32.79; 2, Mister Socks (P Barker), 0 in 36.96; 3, Mister Cappuchino (P Barker), 3 in 42.75

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Wembley knees-up: Harvey Smith surmounts an obstacle yesterday on Brook St Picnic

France hold slender lead

Boekelo — The standard of dressage at international three-day events has risen so much that at the Dutch championship event here, less than two penalties separate the leading four teams at the end of two days of dressage (Findlay Davidson writes). The French, as so often, lead from the United States, while Virginia Leng, of Britain, heads the individual standings.

LEADERS (after dressage) Team: 1, France, 112.05; 2, US, 113.10; equal 3, GB and Netherlands, 113.70; 5, Germany, 120.9; 6, Belgium, 128.55. Individual: 1, Wetton Chi Chai (V Leng, GB), 34.35pens; 2, Elektra Spartuos (A Hermann, Swe), 35.25; 3, Rodosto (J-Y Touzaint, Fr), 35.55

Morley Street set for encore

MORLEY Street is likely to be sent off an odds-on favourite to win his second consecutive Breeders' Cup Chase at Fair Hill, Maryland, today.

However, Toby Balding's confidence in Morley Street's ability to lift the £77,720 first prize has been diminished by the twin anxieties of firm ground and a track considerably tighter than the one he conquered at Belmont Park a year ago.

Jimmy Frost, Morley Street's regular partner, is not the only British-based rider in the 12-runner line-up as Richard Dunwoody and Steve Smith Eccles have been drafted in to ride two of the major local hopes, Cheering News, formerly Irish-trained, and Declare Your Wish.

But Morley Street's biggest danger may come from Jimmy Lorenzo (Jonathan Smart), one of four runners trained by top American jumping trainer Jonathan Sheppard.

BREEDERS' CUP CHASE (£77,720: 2m 5f) Cheering News 4-10-6 (R Dunwoody), Moonstruck 8-11-2 (B Guesford), French Hill 6-11-2 (J Tatar), Le Sauvage 7-11-2 (P Cooney), Declare Your Wish 5-11-2 (S Smith Eccles), Made Noble 5-11-2 (Blythe Miller), Jive With Five 7-11-2 (K O'Brien), Morley Street 7-11-2 (J Frost), Yaw 8-11-2 (C Thornton), Double Bill 8-11-2 (J Lawrence), Jimmy Lorenzo 9-11-2 (J Smart), Talkin Butter 5-11-2 (Victoria Schlesinger).

☐ Richard Hannon's Osario (Mark Birch) takes on top French performers Lyejus (Steve Cauthen) and Danseuse Du Soir (Dominique Boeuf) in the £50,916 Prix de la Foret over seven furlongs at Longchamp tomorrow. Michael Bell runs Democratic (Cash Asmussen) in the listed Prix du Ranelagh on the same card.

☐ The recession took a further toll on the racing industry yesterday when Lambourn Coachbuilders Ltd, a major horsebox manufacturer, went into liquidation.

Generous gallops into Champion contention

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

GENEROUS looks certain to run in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket next Saturday, provided he comes through a gallop with flying colours at Whatcombe today.

Prince Fahd Salman said at Ascot yesterday he was anxious for his dual Derby winner to compete again after a disappointing performance in the *Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe* last Sunday.

His thoroughly refreshing attitude, which is in marked contrast to those of other big owners in recent years, is that horses are bred to run and not to be wrapped in cotton wool to avoid possible defeat.

"If Generous is all right, he should take his chance and run. Whether it is the Champion Stakes or the Breeders' Cup remains to be seen.

"It is up to the trainer, but if he is 100 per cent he should definitely run in my opinion. We will see how it goes tomorrow. Whatever happens Paul (Cole) has to tell me what he feels and then I will make up my mind," he added.

Nijinsky failed to win the Champion Stakes after being defeated in the 1970 Arc, so history is not on Salman's side. But what a pleasure to hear an owner casting defeat aside and giving his horse a chance to compete and win again.

Looking back on the poor performance by Generous behind Suave Dancer, Salman said: "That is racing. We have to run horses. We don't want to keep them in their boxes because of the value of this and that."

With Generous possibly susceptible to travelling, Newmarket rather than Churchill Downs is the likely venue for his reappearance. Salman would love a rematch with Suave Dancer. "If he is not in the race may be we should supplement him," he joked. "This is what racing is about."

Paul Cole said: "I saw Generous canter this morning and he looks fine. I have not got an excuse at the moment for the Arc run. It is one of five things. If it is the travelling it would be silly to go to America.

"Generous ran two stone below his form in Paris. The Arc is not a nice way to go out. I would love to see him redeem his reputation.

"I gave him the best preparation I thought I could ever give a horse and he ran like a stuck pig."

John Reid has been booked by Geoff Wragg to ride Young Buster in the Champion Stakes and Young Senor in the Dewhurst Stakes after injury ruled out Walter Swinburn.

Francis Norton, Wragg's 21-year-old apprentice, has gone from strength to strength this season and yesterday completed a 311-1 double at Ascot on Requested and Louisa Scarlett.

Requested's victory in the Wyndham Handicap boosted Reg Akehurst's winning tally for the season to 37, four above his previous best.

Reid: booked to ride Wragg's two hopefuls

The race often provides a pointer to the Cesarewitch but with the winner not entered and Gay Glint, the runner-up, unlikely to take part, punters were left in the dark.

Muse, a well-backed favourite for the Ascot opener, could finish only fourth but is likely to run in the Newmarket marathon unless the ground becomes firm. "It was disappointing. I thought he would run better than that," David Elsworth said. "We have backed him for the Cesarewitch and a little hiccup like today won't stop us unless the ground is firm."

William Hill extended Muse's odds from 12-1 to 16-1 and promoted the John Gosden-trained Hieroglyphic to joint 8-1 favouritism with Star Player.

Gosden's horses can do no wrong at the moment and Red Bishop provided the trainer with his tenth winner in the past two weeks. Despite looking harshly handicapped for winning a Haydock maiden, Red Bishop was being eased down well before the finishing line by Steve Cauthen in the Moss Bros Handicap.

Louisa Scarlett's win in the Aim Aviation Nursery took Geoff Lewis a step closer to collecting a massive pay-out from Victor Chandler. The bookmaker accepted a bet of £42,000 to £1,500 against the Epsom handler training 40 winners this season. Lewis needs four more wins in the final month of the season in order to collect.

Commander Toby Marten has had horses in training for 40 years including Dead Certain which he purchased for 5,800 gns. He paid a similar sum for Pure Formality, who started coming into season on Thursday last night but still won the Duke Of Edinburgh Stakes.

Bobzao to collect at the Curragh

A RECORD 34 British challengers raid the two-day Curragh meeting this weekend (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). The big attraction is the Goffs Million tomorrow, in which the raiders outnumber the home defence by 11-7.

Fairy Fable, fourth to Twafeaj in the group one Moyglare Stud Stakes, is entitled to start favourite for the Vincent O'Brien-Lester Piggott team, but the softening ground could go against her and the Walter Carter-trained Bobzao may wear her down.

He divided Assessor and Young Senor at Ascot and the form received a great boost when Young Senor scored next time out in the Tattersalls Highflyer Stakes at Newmarket.

In the Goffs Fillies' Challenge Race the prize could be kept at home through Dedicated Lady, but Paul Cole's First Century will be hard to beat in the Goffs Premier Challenge Race.

Today, Hateel, last year's winner, Sesame, and Surrealist clash in the group two Blandford Stakes, but could meet their match in the consistent Topanora, who was staying on when fourth at Leopardstown to the subsequent Arc winner, Suave Dancer.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ascot

Going: good

2.00 (2m 45yd) 1, REQUESTED (F Norton, 11-1); 2, Gay Glint (T Quinn, 20-1); 3, Red Rainbow (A Cruz, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Muse (4th), 11-2 Castle Cavalier, 13-2 Castoret (5th), 8 First Victory (6th), 11 Royal Standard, 20 Beldale Star, 100 Adjaristan. 10 ran. 2½l, 2½l, 2½l, 5l, 15l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £16.00; £3.70, £3.80, £1.60. DF: £228.70. CSF: £147.54. Tricast: £887.85. 3min 34.84sec. Ashsoylad (12-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound.

2.30 (6f) 1, PURE FORMALITY (J Williams, 14-1); 2, Cloud Of Dust (T Quinn, 5-1); 3, Mulhartle (A Cruz, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Spanish Miner, 9-2 Juniper Berry (5th), 7 Our Occasion (4th), 8 Trooping (6th). 7 ran. ½l, 3½l, 1l, hd, nk. O Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £18.20; £4.40, £2.90. DF: £35.30. CSF: £73.40. 1min 16.92sec.

3.05 (1m) 1, CHIPAYA (G Duffield, 12-1); 2, Ummlystee (W Carson, 9-2 jt-fav); 3, Melpomene (A Munro, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Able Susan, Collide, 7 Loveslock (5th), 8 Silver Braid (4th), 12 Souk, 14 Fairy Flax (6th), 20 Zonda. 10 ran. 2l, 1½l, hd, sh hd, 2l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £12.50; £3.30, £1.80, £3.80. DF: £19.80. CSF: £58.22. 1min 44.38sec.

3.40 (7f) 1, LOUISA SCARLETT (F Norton, 25-1); 2, Prince Secreto (L Dettori, 20-1); 3, Cochabamba (Paul Eddery, 12-1); 4, Blockade (P Turner, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Providence, 7 Mister Bandit (6th), 8 Native Chieftan, Shrewd Partner (5th), By Hand, 10 Showgil, 18 Sterling Prospect, 20 Owner's Dream, Duty Sergeant, 25 Appealing Times, 33 Amadeus Asa, 50 Stinger. 18 ran. ¾l, 5l, hd, 4l, ½l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £28.90; £4.80, £4.50, £3.80, £2.10. DF: £261.30. CSF: £390.18. Tricast: £5582.07. 1min 30.10sec.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1, RED BISHOP (S Cauthen, 5-2 fav); 2, The Gleeful (M Hills, 7-1); 3, Virkon Venture (A Mackay, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Five Top (4th), 8 Carnival Baby (5th), 10 No Submission (6th), Dawn Success, 18 Takaddum, 33 Sunset Street. 8 ran. 2½l, 2½l, 3½l, hd, 5l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £2.80, £1.90. DF: £21.40. CSF: £18.17. Tricast: £89.40. 2min 11.32sec.

4.45 (1m) 1, SCATTER (J O Smith, 100-30); 2, Nucleus (D Holland, 7-4 fav); 3, Regal Sabre (R Perham, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Shardelisada (5th), 20 Jurz (4th), 100 Lady Blues Singer (6th). 6 ran. ½l, 8l, 5l, 8l, 25l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £4.80; £2.20, £1.50. DF: £4.60. CSF: £9.02. 1min 41.65sec.

5.15 (1m 4f) 1, SHADOW BIRD (Mr P Pritchard-Gordon, 7-1); 2, Roegill (Mr R Teal, 6-1); 3, Lifetimes Ambition (Mr R Wilkinson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Parking Bay (5th), 8 Fanatical (4th), 13-2 Shaleel, Hotzon (6th), 12 Cadency, 33 Absent Relative, Mr Wishing Well, Macquarie Ridge. 11 ran. ½l, 10l, 1½l, 3½l, 2½l. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. Tote: £8.10; £2.10, £2.50, £2.70. DF: £28.80. CSF: £46.62. Tricast: £346.49. 2min 40.80sec.

Jackpot: Not won (pool of £15,296.50 carried forward to Ascot today).
Placepot: £671.50.

Market Rasen

Going: good to firm (firm patches)

2.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Givemeacall (G McCourt, 7-4 fav); 2, Siberian Breeze (9-1); 3, Timide Espion (14-1). 12 ran. ¾l, 5l. N Tinkler. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £2.20, £4.30. DF: £18.80. CSF £18.68. Bought in 2,900gns

2.45 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Gale Again (A Merrigan, 12-1); 2, Opal's Tenspot (20-1); 3, Belted Ruler (14-1). Beaumood 4-9 fav. 8 ran. 8l, 1½l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £7.40; £2.10, £1.90, £3.20. DF: £79.00. CSF: £174.38.

3.15 (3m ch) 1, Carogrove (J Shortt, 1-2 fav); 2, Man Of Fun (11-4); 3, Vanlard (11-2). 4 ran. 10l, 12l. J O'Shea. Tote: £1.30. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.35.

3.45 (3m ch) 1, Nautical Jokes (K Johnson, Evens fav); 2, Direct Interest (7-4). Only two finished. 3 ran. 2l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.84.

4.20 (2m 1f ch) 1, Northern Lion (A Webb, 10-1); 2, Dancing River (2-5 fav); 3, Highfield Prince (4-1). 4 ran. ½l, dist. R Thompson. Tote: £9.40. DF: £3.80. CSF: £14.10.

4.55 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Italian Tour (Mrs A Farrell, 11-4); 2, Nurs Jewel (3-1); 3, Rupples (11-8 fav). 5 ran. 1l, 4l. Mrs G Plowright. Tote: £3.80; £1.60, £2.00. DF: £6.50. CSF: £10.11.

5.25 (3m hdle) 1, Angelica Park (S J O'Neill, 4-7 fav); 2, Spring Cottage (3-1); 3, Lady Kate (50-1). 8 ran. 20l, dist. J Wharton. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.57.

Placepot: £1,338.30.

Carlisle

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

1.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Tasmim (M Dwyer, 1-3 fav); 2, Working Overtime (14-1); 3, Stand At Ease (7-1). 8 ran. 12l, 2l. G Moore. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £4.20. CSF: £6.09.

2.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Stags Fell (J Callaghan, 2-5 fav); 2, Perpanto (9-1); 3, Zam's Steve (3-1). 3 ran. NR: Local Customer, Lucy Minstrel. 2l, 30l. G Moore. Tote: £1.40. DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.23.

2.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Galloway Raider (D Crossman, 7-1); 2, Dawsam (11-2); 3, Beldine (11-4 fav). 9 ran. Sh hd, 4l. Denys Smith. Tote: £7.10; £1.50, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £20.90. CSF: £37.40. Tricast: £92.42.

3.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Poppadom (W Fry, 10-1); 2, Scottish Reform (4-5 fav); 3, Amber Payne (9-2). 8 ran. ½l, 15l. J Turner. Tote: £16.90; £2.00, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £7.60. CSF: £17.54.

3.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Fairways On Target (P Niven, 7-4 fav); 2, Fingers Crossed (7-2); 3, Kushbaloo (17-2). 8 ran. 5l, ¾l. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £1.40. DF: £5.40. CSF: £7.25.

4.30 (2m ch) 1, Pinemartin (N Doughty, 1-8 fav); 2, Ground Master (6-1). 2 ran. 15l. G Richards. Tote: £1.20.

5.00 (2m 1f 110yd flat) 1, Brackenfield (Mr S Lyons, 10-1); 2, The Quiet Genius (3-1); 3, Man Of The Grange (15-1). Fooling With Fire 5-6 fav. 12 ran. ½l, 10l. M Hammond. Tote: £7.20; £2.10, £1.10, £3.50. DF: £9.60. CSF: £38.67. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £3.00.

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MANDARIN

2.10 Invertiel. 2.40 Stay Awake. 3.10 Sagaman. 3.40 Moment Of Truth. 4.10 Carswell's Choice. 4.40 Ambuscade.

THUNDERER

2.10 Invertiel. 2.40 Stay Awake. 3.10 Sir Peter Lely. 3.40 Moment Of Truth. 4.10 Who's In Charge. 4.40 Ballymore Park.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN HOME STRAIGHT)

2.10 SILVER QUEST NOVICES HURDLE (£2,164: 2m) (13 runners)

1 0P-0 FINDOGLEN 16 J Oliver 5-10-12 ..... G Thomson (7)
2 52- INVERTIEL 11F P Monteith 7-10-12 ..... L O'Hara
3 6- THE BIG SOOK 254 O McGarva 7-10-12 ..... G Bradley
4 TOILANTEARS O McGarva 5-10-12 ..... P Waggott (7)
5 DESERT WARBLER 414F N Waggott 4-10-11 ..... Miss T Waggott (7)
6 EMERALD SEA 374F C Alexander 4-10-11 ..... S Turner
7 MACCONACHIE 59F M Dods 4-10-11 ..... A Merrigan
8 034- TIMANFAYA 206 Mrs O Culham 4-10-11 ..... T Reed
9 WORTH OF MELTHAM 26F O Moffatt 4-10-11 ..... O J Moffatt (7)
10 646- HAZEL LEAF 215 R McDonald 5-10-7 ..... K Jones
11 MILTON LASS R Goldie 7-10-7 ..... J O'Gorman
12 5 MARIAN EVANS 16 T Craig 4-10-6 ..... F Perrett (7)
13 TEA ROSE 39F N Tinkler 4-10-6 ..... G McCourt

Evens Invertiel, 5-1 Tea Rose, 7-1 Worth Of Meltham, 8-1 Maccconachie, 8-1 Marian Evans, 18-1 others.

2.40 SEA HARVESTER NOVICES CHASE (£2,282: 2m) (7)

1 1111 STAY AWAKE 10 (D,F,G,S) J O'Neill 5-11-11 ..... M Dwyer
2 244- CLAY COUNTY 217 (G,S) R Allan 8-11-0 ..... B Storey
3 130- FLIGHT HILL 290 (S) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-0 ..... P Niven
4 26-3 MAJESTIC RIDE 14 J Oliver 7-11-0 ..... T Reed
5 P3F- TOKYO JOE 136 (G) 3 Payne 8-11-0 ..... J Callaghan (3)
6 -652 BISHOPSFORD 14 N Waggott 5-10-13 ..... Miss T Waggott (7)
7 P4-3 DINSDALE LAD 8 M Barnes 5-10-13 ..... P A Farrell

6-4 Stay Awake, 9-4 Flight Hill, 3-1 Clay County, 18-1 Majestic Ride, 20-1 Bishopsford, Tokyo Joe, 25-1 Dinsdale Lad.

3.10 WANDERER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,883: 2m) (7)

1 0-61 SAGAMAN 3F (D,G,S) L Cadd 5-11-10 ..... Mr P Fenton
2 31/ QUESTION OF DEGREE 134F (D,G,S) N Tinkler 5-11-5 ..... G McCourt
3 121- MR WOODCOCK 325 (D,F,G) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-8 ..... P Niven
4 441- SIR PETER LELY 166 (D,F,S) M Hammond 4-10-5 ..... J Callaghan (3)
5 22-2 SOUTER'S HILL 7 (D,G) T Craig 4-10-4 ..... C Hawkins
6 06-1 PERSUASIVE 17 (CD,G,S) Miss L Perratt 4-10-2 ..... M Dwyer
7 /5/ DOUBTLESS 828 C Alexander 9-10-0 ..... S Turner

9-4 Persuasive, 11-4 Sagaman, 9-2 Mr Woodcock, 6-1 Sir Peter Lely, 7-1 Souter's Hill, 10-1 Question Of Degree, 33-1 Doubtless.

3.40 OCEAN GEM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,985: 2m 4f) (3)

1 1-11 MOMENT OF TRUTH 18 (C,D,F,G,S) P Monteith 7-11-10 ..... L O'Hara
2 5-4P TACTICO 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) J O'Neill 8-11-6 ..... M Dwyer
3 1FF- JESTERS PROSPECT 191 (D,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 7-10-9 ..... P Niven

4-7 Moment Of Truth, 5-2 Tactico, 5-1 Jesters Prospect.

4.10 CONSTANT FAITH NOVICES CHASE (£2,266: 3m 110yd) (7)

1 -313 WHO'S IN CHARGE 18 (BF,D,F) G Coulsworth 7-11-6 ..... A Merrigan
2 5-2F CARSWELL'S CHOICE 16 (F) R Fisher 8-11-2 ..... G Bradley
8 09/ GOLDEN ASSET 574 (S) Mrs G Reveley 9-11-2 ..... P Niven
4 330- PORTAVOGIE 175 (S) C Parker 7-11-2 ..... B Storey
5 P/P- SCOTLANDWELL 364 C Alexander 8-11-2 ..... S Turner
6 0P-4 WICINGA 18 Miss L Perratt 5-10-13 ..... G McCourt
7 4-34 BRACKAGH RUN 14 S Payne 7-10-11 ..... T Reed

6-4 Who's In Charge, 13-8 Carswell's Choice, 5-1 Golden Asset, 12-1 Wicinga, Portavogie, 20-1 others.

4.40 HERCULES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,912: 2m 5f) (5)

1 P-31 AMBUSCADE 7 (D,F,S) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-10 ..... P Niven
2 144- BALLYMORE PARK 178F (C,G,S) M Hammond 6-10-11 ..... O Brentley (7)
8 00-3 INTEGRITY BOY 15 (B,F,G,S) R O'Leary 4-10-0 ..... P Harley
4 0/0- DROPS OF GOLD 217 (S) A Mactaggart 7-10-0 ..... Mr O Mactaggart (7)
6 006- YOKATOLA RUN 168 B Mactaggart 8-10-0 ..... B Storey

11-10 Ambuscade, 6-4 Integrity Boy, 7-2 Ballymore Park, 25-1 others.

☐ Conditional jockey Jason Callaghan lost the right to claim an allowance when winning on Stags Fell in the Heineken Novices' Chase at Carlisle yesterday. Stags Fell completed a quick double for George Moore, to whom Callaghan has been attached for most of his career.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: O McGarva, 4 winners from 7 runners, 57.1%; B Mactaggart, 3 from 10, 30.0%; Mrs G Reveley, 7 from 33, 21.2%; N Tinkler, 7 from 39, 17.9%; R Allan, 6 from 37, 16.2%; M Hammond, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: P A Farrell, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; G McCourt, 21 from 73, 28.8%; M Dwyer, 14 from 68, 20.6%; G Bradley, 4 from 20, 20.0%; B Storey, 22 from 135, 16.3%; A Merrigan, 8 from 50, 16.0%.

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN

2.30 Hot Performer. 3.00 Counterpunch. 3.30 Dornvalley Lad. 4.00 Snuggle. 4.30 Noel Luck. 5.00 Kathy Cook.

THUNDERER

2.30 Blue Bell Ribbons. 3.00 Power Punch. 3.30 Mr Quick. 4.00 Snuggle. 4.30 Noel Luck. 5.00 Mubaaris.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (TURF); STANDARD (ALL WEATHER)

2.30 AUTUMN NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (All-weather: £1,643: 2m) (12 runners)

1 P/ CHART CROSS 23F (BF) K Bridgwater 5-11-10 ..... O Bridgwater (3)
2 520- BLUE BELL RIBBONS 180 R Marvin 4-11-6 ..... J A Harris
3 F20- HOT PERFORMER 2F T Fairhurst 4-11-1 ..... B J O'Neill
4 03- BRADMORE'S CLASSIC 390 B McMath 4-10-13 ..... A Carroll
5 8- ROYAL STEEL 114F (B) R Hollinshead 4-10-10 ..... Gary Lyons
8 006- BARRY OWEN 226 J Pearce 5-10-8 ..... P McEntee (7)
7 05P/ MESHRAAF 518 (B) Miss S Wilton 5-10-7 ..... Mr T Eley (7)
8 0 VIGILA 23 G Bardett 4-10-5 ..... —
9 00- FIRE LADY 222 (B) J Thomas 5-10-5 ..... G Rowe (7)
10 U4 MOST OF ALL 19 T Kersey 5-10-3 ..... Susan Kersey
11 03P/ DAWN BELL 82F J Bradley 6-10-1 ..... D Tegg
12 U- MISS MOODY 82F J Bradley 5-10-1 ..... Mr R Farrant (7)

11-4 Blue Bell Ribbons, 7-2 Hot Performer, 9-2 Bradmore's Classic, 6-1 Dawn Bell, 8-1 Chart Cross, 12-1 Barry Owen, 16-1 others.

3.00 TANKS & VESSELS INDUSTRIES NOVICES CHASE (Turf: £2,195: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 B65- ARTFUL ABBOT 133 (CD,F,S) B Sherwood 7-11-0 ..... M Richards
2 P-25 COUNTERPUNCH 17 (D) K Bailey 7-11-0 ..... A Tory
3 0PP/ POSTMAN'S KNOCK 835 M W Easterby 8-11-0 ..... —
4 223/ POWER PUNCH 580 W Kemp 7-11-0 ..... —
5 -P2F SUDBROOKE PARK 21 (S) B Richmond 13-11-0 ..... —

4-5 Counterpunch, 9-4 Artful Abbot, 8-1 Power Punch, 12-1 Sudbrooke Park, 20-1 Postman's Knock.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss S J Wilton, 8 winners from 36 runners, 22.2%; J M Bradley, 4 from 21, 19.0%; J Mackie, 3 from 21, 14.3%; K C Bailey, 4 from 31, 12.9%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: M Lynch, 4 winners from 13 rides, 30.8%; D Tegg, 3 from 29, 10.7% (Only qualifiers)

3.30 GAS WARM HOMES CLAIMING CHASE (Turf: £2,222: 2m) (9)

1 32P/ PANTOMIME PRINCE 536 (D,F,G) C Thornton 8-11-10 ..... O Wilkinson
2 -5P2 MR QUICK 22 (CD,F,G,S) J Wharton 12-11-4 ..... S J O'Neill
3 4F3- CHARLOTTE'S OLIVER 147 J Mackie 8-11-0 ..... O Shiner
4 0-23 DONTPUSHME 47 (BF) B Ellison 10-10-12 ..... A Mulholland
5 5F-1 DORNVALLEY LAD 22 (D,F,G) D Garraton 10-10-10 ..... —
6 4/2- TIPTONIAN 406 (D,F,G) K Bridgwater 12-10-10 ..... O Bridgwater (3)
7 05/ CROMWELL POINT 693 C Thornton 5-10-9 ..... A Orkney
8 4P-P TRAVELLER'S TRIP 14 (D,S) J Mackie 10-10-9 ..... O Tegg
9 P3-4 WISE CRACKER 17 (B,C,D,F,G,S) B Richmond 10-10-9 ..... —

7-2 Mr Quick, 4-1 Dornvalley Lad, 11-2 Tiptonian, 7-1 Wise Cracker, 8-1 Charlotte's Oliver, 10-1 Pantomime Prince, 12-1 others.

4.00 TANKS & VESSELS INDUSTRIES HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,581: 2m 2f) (6)

1 126- CLOS DU BOIS 19F (C,G) Mrs N Macauley 5-12-0 ..... B Wynne (7)
2 -62P LAVA FALLS 14 (F) M Banks 5-11-4 ..... B McNeill
3 6-44 WINDWARD AROM 7 (F,S) N Bycroft 5-11-3 ..... R Marley
4 11-4 SNUGGLE 7 (C) M Tompkins 4-11-1 ..... R Campbell
5 35-2 FIVE LAMPS 7 (C,D,G,S) R Dickin 11-11-1 ..... O Meredith (7)
6 10-0 STRADBROKE 42 (C) M James 4-10-0 ..... W McFarland

6-4 Snuggle, 5-2 Five Lamps, 4-1 Windward Arom, 8-1 Lava Falls, 12-1 Clos Du Bois, 20-1 Stradbroke.

4.30 FARNSFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (Turf: £2,264: 3m 100yd) (3)

1 25-2 NOEL LUCK 14 (D,F,S) Mrs A King 11-11-10 ..... M Lynch
2 /344 SANDMOOR PRINCE 45 (F) P Pritchard 8-11-3 ..... Dr P Pritchard
3 3-30 ACERTAINHIT 7 B Bowring 7-11-1 ..... J A Harris

4-6 Noel Luck, 13-8 Sandmoor Prince, 10-1 Acertainhit.

5.00 AUTUMN LEAVES HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,596: 3m) (6)

1 4-21 MUBAARIS 17 (C,F,G,S) B Richmond 8-12-0 ..... B Woods
2 046- FIRST LORD 136 (CD,S) Mrs V Aconley 6-10-13 ..... J Corkell (7)
3 3-62 THE LIGHTER SIDE 9 (C,F,G) B Preece 5-10-12 ..... Judy Davies (7)
4 P-21 AUTONOMOUS 97 (F) C Allen 6-10-10 ..... O Bridgwater (3)
5 14-2 KATHY COOK 6 (C,BF) R Hollinshead 8-10-8 ..... B Wynne (7)
6 4436 ISOBAR 9 (F) M Chapman 5-10-0 ..... W Worthington

7-4 Autonomous, 5-2 The Lighter Side, 4-1 Mubaaris, 5-1 First Lord, 10-1 Kathy Cook, 16-1 Isobar.

Magic Ring ready to profit from quick reappearance

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

INTEREST in the group three Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot today has been increased dramatically by the decision of Paul Cole and Anthony Penfold to run Fahd Salman's fast colt **Magic Ring** just six days after his gallant third in the Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp.

Just as Cole's judgement was spot on when he decided to run Culture Vulture at Longchamp last Sunday comparatively soon after she had won at the Ascot festival eight days earlier, so it looks like being rewarded again.

Magic Ring's close third behind those talented older horses Keen Hunter and Sheikh Albadou at Longchamp was all the more *meritorious* because sore shins had prevented *him* racing since he won the Norfolk Stakes over today's course and distance at Royal Ascot in June.

On that occasion he beat Paris House by a length and a half with Power Lake a further three lengths adrift in third place.

Having finished a creditable fourth in the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket nine days ago, Power Lake now re-opposes Magic Ring but with no real chance of beating him on only 3lb better terms.

Magic Ring's jockey Alan Munro also has a fair chance of winning the group three Princess Royal Stakes for Fahd Salman on the Henry Candy-trained **Always Friendly**, who will be meeting Nibbs Point on 3lb better terms for two narrow defeats by her, at Doncaster and York.

As far as the Bovis Handicap is concerned, I like none better than **Gilt Throne** who produced that storming finish to get the better of the in-form Sarcita and win a similar race at the last meeting.

A line through Sarcita gives Gilt Throne the edge over the Irish challenger Wild Jester, who was not blessed with the best of runs on his last visit to this country before he eventually finished fourth in the Portland *Handicap* at Doncaster, won by Sarcita.

Henry Cecil has set a problem by running both Kingdom Of Spain and King's Loch in the Bovis Autumn Stakes, which pointed to Nashwan being a very good horse in the making three years ago.

Well as Kingdom Of Spain won on his debut at Doncaster, I still marginally prefer **King's Loch**, who went about his business nicely on his debut at Nottingham before winning at Sandown.

Otherwise, it should pay to follow Steve Cauthen again on **Selaah** (4.10), who bounced back to form in some style at the last Ascot meeting, and **Jeune** (4.40).

Having finished such a creditable second to Showbrook in the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury, Jeune is now napped to win the slightly longer Hyperion Stakes. I'm sure that *today's trip will suit* him even better.

WORCESTER

MANDARIN

2.20 Our Vision. 2.50 Western Dandy. 3.20 Redgrave Girl. 3.50 Lynemore. 4.20 Bean Pari. 4.50 Sweet Duke.

THUNDERER

2.20 Invite D'Honneur. 2.50 Monumental Lad. 3.20 Old Eros. 3.50 Rocktor. 4.20 Couglans Run. 4.50 Sweet Duke.

GOING: GOOD

2.20 MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS SALES BRYN LEWIS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,803: 2m) (15 runners)

1	410-	JUST A MEMORY 40F (D,F) R Manning 5-11-10	C Maude
2	41-5	LADY PRIMROSE 45 (D,F) B Forsey 5-11-7	C Llewellyn
3	060-	INVITE D'HONNEUR 169 Mrs S Oliver 8-11-5	Jacqui Oliver
4	/00-	CUT'N DRY 270 (D,F,S) A Ridout 11-11-3	A Procter (7)
5	4-06	WILLESDON 7 (D,F) A Barrow 7-11-2	W Irvine
6	23-4	PONTEVECCHIO BELLA 3 (D,S) R Juckes 5-11-0	—
7	600-	TRUE BRIT 150 (D,S) C Popham 7-11-0	Peter Hobbs
8	50-4	SAXON LAD 5F G Enright 5-10-13	P Scudamore
9	P50-	ISABEAU 157 (G) K Morgan 4-10-12	A S Smith (3)
10	0FS4	YAMASHITA 28 F Jordan 8-10-12	J Lodder
11	P-3F	*DEPARTURE 12 (D,G) R Juckes 4-10-9*	—
12	/35-	ROSSMICHAEL 386 G Ham 6-10-9	B Powell
13	3-F3	OUR VISION 42 (B) L Codd 4-10-8	A Maguire
14	4-4P	GIVE IN 44 K Morgan 4-10-4	S Keightley
15	450-	TRUSS 4F C Smith 4-10-0	Martin Jones

4-1 Yamashita, 5-1 Our Vision, 8-1 Lady Primrose, Saxon Lad, 8-1 True Brit, Departure, 10-1 Willesdon, 14-1 others.

2.50 BASS SPECIAL HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,406: 2m) (8)

1	35P-	*KNOCKBRACK 161 (CD,F,G,S) G Ham 11-12-0*	B Powell
2	/11-	PANTECHNICON 366 (CD,F,G,S) A Barrow 11-11-10	W Irvine
3	513-	SIRRAH JAY 183 (D,G,S) G Balding 11-11-4	A Maguire (5)
4	120-	MONUMENTAL LAD 214 (CD,G,S) Mrs H Parrott 8-10-13	D Leahy (7)
5	352-	ROYAL CRACKER 161 (V,D,F,G,S) T Bill 10-10-12	J Railton
6	/43-	WESTERN DANDY 322 (D,F,S) N Gaselee 6-10-8	A Adams
7	5U3-	PICK ROUNDSTONE 200 J Gifford 8-10-0	Peter Hobbs
8	6F-5	GOOD SEOUL 70 (V) K Morgan 7-10-0	A S Smith (3)

11-4 Western Dandy, 7-2 Monumental Lad, 9-2 Pantechnicon, 6-1 Knockbrack, 8-1 Sirrah Jay, 10-1 Royal Cracker, 14-1 others.

3.20 MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS SALES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£4,328: 2m 4f) (10)

1	210-	CHAMPAGNE LAD 217 (F,S) J Gifford 5-11-10	D Murphy
2	26-2	REDGRAVE GIRL 11 (F,G) K Bishop 6-11-8	B Earle
3	11-2	OLD EROS 56 (C,BF,G,S) M Ryan 7-11-5	J McLaughlin
4	1-12	APOLLO KING 26 (D,F) P Mitchell 5-11-4	Mr R Teal (7)
5	1/	SADDLERS NIGHT 976 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-2	M Pitman
6	U3U-	TIBER RIVER 260 (G) C Brooks 7-10-8	B de Haan
7	306-	GODS FOX 183 (D,G,S) G Balding 6-10-7	R Guest
8	10/	TAKE ISSUE 9F (S) J Sutcliffe 8-10-0	A Maguire (5)
9	4-F1	STORMWATCH 14 (D,G,S) D Gandolfo 8-10-0	B Powell
10	602-	NEARCTIC BAY 222 (S) T Bill 5-10-0	J Railton

3-1 Redgrave Girl, 4-1 Champagne Lad, 9-2 Gods Fox, 6-1 Apollo King, 8-1 Saddlers Night, Stormwatch, Old Eros, 14-1 others.

3.50 CARLING BLACK LABEL NOVICES CHASE

(£2,228: 3m) (14)

1	2-11	LYNEMORE 21 (CD,F,G,S) T Forster 8-11-7	J Railton
2	/0	AFRICANUS MAJOR 7 N Twiston-Davies 7-11-0	C Llewellyn
3	000-	GRATUITY 204 D Balding 8-11-0	R Guest
4	220-	HA'PENNY BRIDGE 327 J King 8-11-0	J White
5		HILLS LITTLE ONE C Hitchings 6-11-0	J Short
6	04F-	*HUMDECOLA 170 S Preece 6-11-0*	Mr R Davis (7)
7	6-F6	JURANSTAN 21 C Tristine 6-11-0	A Maguire (5)
8	PP-2	MONKSCOMBE 7 (F) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-0	M Pitman
9	021-	ROCKTOR 168 (F,S) D Barons 8-11-0	N Hawke
10	354-	RYTON GUARD 158 S Christian 8-11-0	R Beggan
11	332-	THE FORTIES 161 T Bill 8-11-0	S Earle
12	4P	FLIMSY FORTUNE 29 C Smith 7-10-9	Martin Jones
13	4PP-	HI-RISE LADY 159 N Gaselee 0-10-9	A Adams
14	234-	NAUGHTY NICKY 137 K Bishop 7-10-9	B Powell

4-6 Lynemore, 5-1 Rocktor, 8-1 Juranstan, The Forties, 10-1 Monkscombe, 12-1 Ryton Guard, 16-1 others.

4.20 *MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS SALES* VINCENT REILLY HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,807: 2m 4f) (11)

1	43-2	KISSANE 11 (D,G,S) C Broad 10-11-10	Martin Jones
2	6P6-	BEAU PARI 178 (D,G,S) J Gifford 7-11-8	D Murphy
3	421U	HEADIN' ON 8 (CD,F,G) Mrs P Joynes 11-11-8	T Wall
4	41/	FOLK DANCE 18F (D,F,G,S) G Balding 9-11-7	A Charlton
5	1P-F	ZUMMERSET 14 (F,G,S) A Barrow 6-11-5	B Earle
6	36-F	COUGHLANS RUN 14 (D,F,G,S) T Forster 12-11-5	C Llewellyn
7	02F-	MOE GREENE 175 (D,F,G,S) J McConnochie 11-11-1	J Short
8	2-3P	*FOREST RAIN 21 (CD,BF,F,G) N Gaselee 8-11-0*	A Adams
9	100-	MENINGI 161 (D,F,G,S) Mrs H Parrott 10-10-12	D Leahy (7)
10	315-	TEAM LEADER 168 (D,G) T Forster 8-10-7	H Davies
11	00F-	KEEP STRAIGHT 327 K Morgan 5-10-0	A B Smith (3)

9-4 Coughlans Run, 4-1 Kissane, 5-1 Zummerset, 8-1 Headin' On, 8-1 Beau Pari, 10-1 Forest Rain, 12-1 Folk Dance, 16-1 others.

4.50 SIR KEN NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,940: 2m 2f) (20)

1	/4-P	*AFTERTHOUGHT 7 A Barrow 6-10-12*	*S Earle*
2	002-	ASK FRANK 156 G Balding 5-10-12	R Guest
3	/50-	BOLD IMP 203 A Barrow 6-10-12	W Irvine
4	P32-	CITY KID 175 J Gifford 6-10-12	E Murphy
5		CONAQUITA 460F B Palling 5-10-12	C Evans
6	03P-	CUDDY DALE 190 (F,G,S) F Murphy 6-10-12	J White
7	P00-	FRISCO CITY 194 D Nicholson 5-10-12	Mr M Rimell (7)
8	20/	HILL-WAY BLUES 582 A Ridout 8-10-12	P Holley
9	0-	NOTHINGBUTTROUBLE 322 Mrs H Parrott 7-10-12	D Leahy (7)
10	020-	RAVEN'S AFFAIR 134 M Tate 5-10-12	W Marston (7)
11	50-3	SAILOR BOY 18F R Akehurst 5-10-12	L Harvey
12		THE LAGER LOUT T Jones 7-10-12	T Grantham
13	5-	DREWITTS DANCER 179 F Gray 4-10-11	M Crosse
14	006-	JOE QUALITY 159 B Preece 4-10-11	Gary Lyons
15	22-	SWEET DUKE 190 N Twiston-Davies 4-10-11	P Scudamore
16	0-0	THE POINT IS 23 Mrs S Minns 4-10-11	Martin Jones
17	8-	VITAL WITNESS 312 K Morgan 4-10-11	A B Smith (3)
18	0-0	HIGH MARINER 16 D Burchell 5-10-7	S Davies (3)
19		SWEET ELEGANCE 117BF J White 6-10-7	D Skyrme
20	504-	SWISS PRINCESS 331 T Donnelly 7-10-7	—

7-2 Sweet Duke, 9-2 Sailor Boy, 5-1 Raven's Affair, 6-1 City Kid, 6-1 Afterthought, Cuddy Dale, 10-1 Ask Frank, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gifford, 18 winners from 43 runners, 23.3%; T Forster, 15 from 68, 22.1%; G Enright, 3 from 14, 21.4%; D Barons, 15 from 76, 19.7%; Mrs H Parrott, 3 from 17, 17.6%; G Balding, 16 from 99, 16.2%.

JOCKEYS: W Marston, 4 winners from 9 rides, 44.4%; A B Smith, 4 from 11, 36.4%; P Scudamore, 44 from 128, 34.4%; A Charlton, 3 from 15, 20.0%; N Hawke, 4 from 23, 17.4%; M Pitman, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

BANGOR

MANDARIN

2.20 Gallateen. 2.50 You Are A Star. 3.25 Golden Celtic. 3.55 Clever Folly. 4.30 Rage. 5.05 Bear's Picnic. 5.35 Easby Mandrina.

THUNDERER

2.20 Gallateen. 2.50 You Are A Star. 3.25 Golden *Celtic. 3.55 Clever Folly. 4.30* Rage. 5.05 Bear's Picnic. 5.35 Easby Mandrina.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.20 COCK BANK NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,305: 2m) (18 runners)

1	512	CAROLE'S KING 14 (CD,BF,F) W Carter 11-4	Dale McKeown
2	18	*JAMESTOWN BOY 12 (B,D,BF,F) G Pritchard-Gordon 11-4*	M Perrett
3		BALSMO 11F O Haydn Jones 11-0	N Williamson
4		DR BILL 47F M H Easterby 11-0	R Garritty
5		FLAMING RED 89F J Smith 11-0	A O'Hagan
6	2	GALLATEEN 18 G Richards 11-0	N Doughty
7		KUMMEL KING 11F J H Wilson 11-0	J Osborne
8		MINERS LAW 33F B Preece 11-0	Judy Davies (7)
9	2	NORTHERN NATION 28 W Clay 11-0	J Driscoll (7)
10	4	PIMS GUNNER 18 D Burchell 11-0	D J Burchell
11		SILLARS STALKER 81F Mrs J Ramsden 11-0	Mr S Swiers
12		SMILES AHEAD 47F P Bevan 11-0	D Gallagher
13		TWILIGHT FIESTA 26F Mrs J Ramsden 11-0	D Byrne
14	2	GENUINE LADY 31 A Jarvis 10-9	T Jarvis
15	2	MIDAS BLUE 17 L Barratt 10-9	T Wall
16		MISS ARAGON 26F Miss L Siddall 10-9	D Cooney (7)
17		THRILL 35F D Haydn Jones 10-9	P Barnard (5)
18		TOTAL SPORT 147F M Bradstock 10-9	P Holley

9-4 Gallateen, 4-1 Northern Nation, 6-1 Dr Bill, Pims Gunner, 7-1 Jamestown Boy, 10-1 Midas Blue, Twilight Fiesta, 12-1 others.

2.50 GREENALLS INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,120: 2m) (10)

1	F-00	LIGHT DANCER 3F (D,F,G,S) L Codd 5-12-0	F Murtagh (7)
2	2-22	SRIVIJAYA 8 (D,F) Mrs J Jordan 4-11-9	D Morris
3	114-	NADIAD 14F (CD,BF,F,G) S McCain 5-11-7	Mr D McCain Jr (7)
4	-121	YOU ARE A STAR 8 (D,F) M Tompkins 5-10-13	R Dennis
5	32-F	ABIGAIL'S DREAM 18 (D) D Burchell 4-10-10	D J Burchell
6	146-	ANDRELOT 12F (B,D,G) K White 4-10-2	A O'Hagan
7	20-P	AZUBAH 12 (D,BF,G) G Moore 4-10-0	N Bentley (7)
8	500-	FAST CRUISE 147 (CD,S) E Owen Jr 6-10-0	R Strange
9	4-40	THUNDERING 12F A Jones 6-10-0	J Lodder
10	553-	*RAG TIME BELLE 134 (D,F,G) G Charles-Jones 5-10-0*	I Lawrence

5-2 You Are A Star, 4-1 Srivijaya, 9-2 Nadiad, 6-1 Abigail's Dream Azubah, 7-1 Light Dancer, 10-1 Fast Cruise, 14-1 others.

3.25 WILLIS WRIGHTSON NORTH HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,642: 3m) (4)

1	F14-	GOLDEN CELTIC 173 (C,G,S) Miss H Knight 7-12-0	J Osborne
2	443-	BISHOPDALE 159 (D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 10-11-7	C Grant
3	6/4-	SWARDEAN 344 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 8-11-3	N Doughty
4	2-33	FIGHTING JESSICA 17 (D,G) J Upson 6-10-0	R Supple

6-4 Golden Celtic, 9-4 Swardean, 9-2 Bishopdale, Fighting Jessica.

3.55 STADCO HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,596: 2m) (3)

1	11P1	CLEVER FOLLY 8 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 11-11-10	N Doughty
2	36-4	KARENOMORE 6 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 16-10-0	R Fahey
3	10-P	PALM LAD 47 (CD,F) P Blockley 8-10-0	P Midgley (7)

1-2 Clever Folly, 9-4 Karenomore, 10-1 Palm Lad.

4.30 FENNS BANK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,127: 2m 4f) (15)

1	534-	*GRAY'S ELLERGY 189 D Gandolfo 5-12-0*	D Meade (7)
2	00-2	ACHILL ISLAND 47 Miss H Knight 5-11-7	B Dowling
3	42-4	FASTBIT 7 C Jackson 4-11-8	V Slattery (5)
4	F35-	KEMYS COMMANDER 138 J Edwards 6-11-0	N Williamson
5	U04-	MAGSOOD 170 S Mellor 6-10-13	M Perrett
6	304-	RATHER GORGEOUS 21F J H Wilson 8-10-12	D Byrne
7	30-2	MISTRESS ROSS 18 G Thorner 8-10-12	Mr N Bradley (7)
8	5/40	ELYSIAN WARRIOR 18 C Drewe 8-10-11	J Osborne
9	30-1	RAGE 10 (F) M H Easterby 4-10-10	L Mulleney (7)
10	-P05	BELLAGIO BILL 28 C Bridgett 8-10-0	Mr B Lyons (7)
11	0-3P	ZEPHYR NIGHTS 35 Grenville Richards 4-10-0	N Coleman
12	56-F	LEADING SUPPLIER 14 K White 5-10-0	A O'Hagan
13	06P-	*KATIES KAPER 159 C Jones 7-10-0*	*W Humphreys*
14	FP-P	BEYOND SUSPICION 17 D McCain 7-10-0	D Gallagher
15	P-P4	GREENFIELD MANOR 8 N Chamberlain 4-10-0	C Grant

4-6 Rage, 5-1 Achill Island, 6-1 Gray's Ellergy, 8-1 Fastbit, 10-1 Elysian Warrior, 12-1 Magsood, 20-1 others.

5.05 THELWALL MEMORIAL TROPHY NOVICES CHASE

(£2,882: 2m 4f) (8)

1	8-11	BEAR'S PICNIC 14 (D,F) M H Easterby 5-11-7	R Fahey
2	24P-	AVONBURN 185 (F) M Robinson 7-11-2	I Lawrence
3	42-5	COUTURE TIGHTS 23 J Mackie 6-11-2	N Williamson
4	/PF-	LYPHEORIC 252 (D,G) Mrs J Ramsden 6-11-2	D Byrne
5	03P-	MIGHTY CHANCE 253 F Jordan 6-11-2	J Lodder
6	BP/	MY SON JOHN 609 J Peacock 8-11-2	—
7	425-	RIVER BOUNTY 194 (CD,S) J Upson 5-11-0	R Supple
8	4P2-	MISS WRENSBOROUGH 148 (S) D Gandolfo 8-10-11	B Dowling

4-5 Bears Picnic, 9-2 Lypheoric, 5-1 River Bounty, 8-1 Miss Wrensborough, 10-1 Avonburn, 12-1 Couture Tights, 20-1 others.

5.35 EBF NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

(£1,603: 1m 4f) (16)

1	10-	SINGING SAM 190 (B) J Edwards 6-11-11	Mr A Farrant (7)
2	1	EASBY MANDRINA 17 (G) S Kettlewell 4-11-5	F Murtagh (7)
3		FORWARD GLEN W A Stephenson 4-11-4	A Larnach (7)
4		FROGNAL M Robinson 4-11-4	P Barnard (7)
5		FURRY LOCH H Kavanagh 5-11-4	M Sharratt (7)
6		IDLING BY D Gandolfo 5-11-4	D Meade (7)
7		MORSE TALK Mrs M Jones 6-11-4	I Shoemark
8		SPACE CAPTAIN G Moore 4-11-4	N Bentley (7)
9	0-	WETANDRY 189 C Jones 6-11-4	V Slattery (5)
10		EMILY'S STAR N Twiston-Davies 4-10-13	C Maude
11		INNOCENT PRINCESS D Barons 4-10-13	R Greene (5)
12	0-	LYNELLY 316 G Price 5-10-13	Mr D Duggan (7)
13		*REVTON P Dalton 4-10-13*	J O'Hanlon (7)
14	2-	SNOWDRIFTER 219 M Tompkins 4-10-13	T Kent (7)
15		STAR THYME J Mackie 4-10-13	J Manson (7)
16		TUDOR OAKS C Broad 4-10-13	S Clifford (7)

5-2 Easby Mandrina, 11-4 Snowdrifter, 5-1 Space Captain, 6-1 Forward Glen, 8-1 Singing Sam, 10-1 Idling By, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss H Knight, 5 winners from 10 runners, 50.0%; G Richards, 10 from 94, 28.1%; J Upson, 3 from 12, 25.0%; D Gandolfo, 6 from 27, 22.2%; J Edwards, 13 from 61, 21.3%; D Barons, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: I Shoemark, 4 winners from 8 rides, 50.0%; C Grant, 14 from 37, 37.8%; N Doughty, 10 from 32, 31.3%; B Dowling, 7 from 34, 20.6%; J Osborne, 4 from 23, 17.4%; J Lodder, 9 from 56, 16.1%.

ASCOT

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.00 King's Loch.	2.00 King's Loch.	3.00 **BEAU VENTURE** (nap).
2.30 Always Friendly.	2.30 Always Friendly.	4.10 Gabbiadini.
3.00 Gilt Throne.	3.00 Spaniards Close.	
3.30 Magic Ring.	3.30 Magic Ring.	
4.10 Selaah.	4.10 Selaah.	
4.40 **JEUNE** (nap).	4.40 Jeune.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 **GILT THRONE** (nap). 4.10 Selaah. 4.40 Jeune.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 8-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 BOVIS AUTUMN STAKES

BBC1

(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £12,008: 1m rnd) (6 runners)

101	(6)	613212	ROKEBY 29 (G) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-1	Paul Eddery	● 99
102	(3)	221	BOLD STROKE 24 (D,F) (T Wilson) J Dunlop 8-11	L Dettori	61
103	(4)	416022	JOHN ROSE 35 (F) (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-11	A Munro	95
104	(2)	1	KINGDOM OF SPAIN 29 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	86
105	(5)	11	KING'S LOCH 25 (D,F) (M Poland) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	21
106	(1)	410	NINJA DANCER 10 (G) (R Tikkoo) Mrs J Cecil 8-11	B Raymond	67

BETTING: 7-4 Kingdom Of Spain, 5-2 King's Loch, 7-2 Rokeby, 15-2 Bold Stroke, 10-1 Ninja Dancer, 14-1 John Rose.

1990: SEA LEVEL 8-11 S Cauthen (9-1) B Hills 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROKEBY 3l 2nd of 5 to Seattle Rhyme in Goodwood (1m, good to firm) listed race. BOLD STROKE beat Court Circular 4l at Ayr (1m, good to firm). JOHN ROSE 4½l 3rd of 18 to Anchorite in Haydock (1m, good to firm) graduation race. KINGDOM OF SPAIN comfortably beat Fieldridge 1½l in 19-runner Doncaster (1m, good to firm) maiden. KING'S LOCH beat Leap In The Dark 1l in 5-runner Sandown (1m, good to firm) graduation race; earlier beat BOLD STROKE (same terms) 5l in 18-runner Nottingham (1m, good to firm) maiden. NINJA DANCER beat Ameer Dalham 3l in 12-runner Sandown (7f, good) maiden on penultimate start.
Selection: ROKEBY

2.30 PRINCESS ROYAL STAKES

BBC1

(Group 3: Fillies and mares: £32,972: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

201	(7)	610403	THIRD WATCH 7 (CD,F,G) (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 3-8-13	J Williams	● 99
202	(2)	21122	NIBBS POINT 14 (BF,D,G) (Lady Halifax) L Cumani 3-8-9	L Dettori	95
203	(5)	110	PEPLUM 126 (F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-9	B Cauthen	29
204	(4)	0-1324	ALWAYS FRIENDLY 31 (S) (F Salman) H Candy 3-8-6	A Munro	98
205	(1)	5-014	CHESNUT TREE 29 (D,F) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-6	B Raymond	89
206	(6)	2123	FINANCE DANCER 71 (F) (T Dartford) A Stewart 3-8-6	W Ryan	82
207	(8)	1241	MOHICAN GIRL 43 (F,G) (A Cane) J Fanshawe 3-8-6	B Duffield	21
208	(3)	11	PERCY'S GIRL 24 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Wragg 3-8-6	Paul Eddery	99

BETTING: 7-2 Nibbs Point, 4-1 Always Friendly, 5-1 Mohican Girl, 11-2 Peplum, 7-1 Percy's Girl, 15-2 Third Watch, 10-1 Finance Dancer, 16-1 Chesnut Tree.

1990: NARWALA 3-8-6 Pat Eddery (7-4 jt-fav) L Cumani 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

THIRD WATCH just over 4l 3rd of 5 to Ristna in group II Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm); earlier beat FINANCE DANCER (7lb better off) 7l in 14-runner group II Ribblesdale Stakes over course and distance (good) with CHESNUT TREE 14l 10th. NIBBS POINT hd 2nd of 16 to Tidemark in handicap over course and distance (soft); previously 1½l 2nd of 11 to Patricia in group III Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster (1 6f 132yd, good to firm) with ALWAYS FRIENDLY (3lb better off) ½l 4th. PEPLUM beat Conor Lily 1½l in 6-runner Chester (1m 3f 70yd, good) listed race on penultimate start. FINANCE DANCER 5¾l 3rd of 5 to Fly Away Soon in Goodwood (1m 4f, good) listed race. MOHICAN GIRL beat Shiavona 1½l in 7-runner Sandown (1m 3f 91yd, good to firm) graduation race. PERCY'S GIRL beat Shiavona sh hd in 7-runner Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm) graduation race.
Selection: THIRD WATCH (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Lord Huntingdon	4	11	36.4	S Cauthen	54	235	23.0
H Cecil	41	121	33.9	L Dettori	18	112	16.1
L Cumani	27	114	23.7	A Munro	7	56	12.5
A Stewart	8	38	21.1	W Ryan	3	27	11.1
M Stoute	30	163	18.4	W R Swinburn	18	164	11.0
R Akehurst	8	50	16.0		(Only qualifiers)		

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.00 BOVIS HANDICAP (£16,700: 5f) (23 runners)

BBC1

301	(14)	0161F0	FARFELU 22 (B,D,F,G) (J O'Mulloy) W Muir 4-9-10	B Whitworth	90
302	(22)	40-6214	WILD JESTER 31 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Phelan) P Flynn 5-9-10	B Cauthen	96
303	(23)	604600	BOLD LEZ 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Ansell) M Haynes 4-9-9	J Williams	93
304	(16)	6-04000	MIAMI BANKER 10 (B,D,G,S) (J Amess) R Akehurst 5-9-5	A Munro	96
305	(17)	013245	CANTORIS 18 (CD,F,G) (G Crean) R Williams 5-9-4	L Dettori	94
306	(13)	510041	GILT THRONE 15 (CD,F,G) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 4-9-2	C Hodgson (5)	99
307	(20)	241311	SPANIARDS CLOSE 11 (D,G) (Avon Industries) P Makin 3-9-2	B Raymond	89
308	(12)	351040	TERRHARS 28 (D,F,G) (H Sambrook) R Hannon 3-8-12	R Perham (5)	93
309	(19)	600300	AUGHFAD 15 (V,D,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 5-8-12	B O'Gorman (3)	95
310	(6)	02/0060	PADDY CHALK 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Wellman) L Holt 5-8-10	W Ryan	89
311	(4)	140025	BAYSHAM 14 (B,G) (W Butt) B Millman 5-8-10	R Price	96
312	(8)	200501	BEAU VENTURE 6 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Stacey) F Lee 3-8-8	D Biggs (5)	94
313	(15)	450110	VERY DICEY 15 (D,F) (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 3-8-6	A Martinez (7)	96
314	(11)	310040	MACFARLANE 23 (D,G,S) (P F-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-5	Paul Eddery	92
315	(9)	100030	PETRACO 22 (G) (B Hampson) L Codd 3-8-5	F Norton (5)	94
316	(7)	364133	SNOWGIRL 8 (D,F,G,S) (A Slack) J Berry 3-8-5	J Carroll	95
317	(1)	310506	PLAIN FACT 18 (D,F,G,S) (G Moore) M Prescott 6-8-3	G Duffield	94
318	(5)	000030	SLOE BERRY 15 (B,CD,F,G) (A Richards) C Austin 5-8-3	G Baxter	93
319	(3)	4-50155	ASHTINA 15 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss S Joyner) J Sutcliffe 6-8-2	T Williams	● 99
320	(2)	000000	RACKETEER 15 (D,F) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 3-7-12	J Fanning (3)	98
321	(18)	003434	JOE SUGDEN 8 (BF,D,F,G,S) (J Amess) P Howling 7-7-8	N Carlisle	95
322	(10)	400550	THE SHANAHAN BAY 15 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs A Sanders) E Eldin 6-7-8	A Mackay	91
323	(21)	611030	DIVINE PET 10 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Taylor) W Wightman 6-7-7	D Harrison (7)	93

BETTING: 9-2 Gilt Throne, 7-1 Spaniards Close, 8-1 Wild Jester, 10-1 Snowgirl, 12-1 Beau Venture, Joe Sugden, Divine Pet, 14-1 Petraco, Baysham, Cantoris, 16-1 others.

1990: SLOE BERRY 4-7-1 S Doyle (25-1) C Brittain 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

CANTORIS 4¼l 5th of 7 to Blyton Lad in 7-runner Newmarket (5f, good to firm) listed race with MIAMI BANKER (4lb better off) 3¾l 7th. GILT THRONE beat Sarcita nk in 17-runner handicap over course and distance (good) with JOE SUGDEN *(7lb better off) 3l 3rd, CANTORIS (8lb better off) ½l* 4th, ASHTINA (9lb better off) ¾l 5th, PLAIN FACT (10lb better off) 3¾l 6th, BOLD LEZ 10th, AUGHFAD 12th, VERY DICEY 15th, RACKETEER 16th and SLOE BERRY 12th. SPANIARDS CLOSE beat Prohibition 4l in 19-runner Wolverhampton (5f, good) claimer. BAYSHAM 6l 5th of 29 to Night Jar in Ascot (7f, good to soft) handicap; earlier 1½l 2nd of 21 to Sarcita in Doncaster (5f 140yd, good to firm) handicap with WILD JESTER (6lb better off) 4l 4th, BOLD LEZ (10lb better off) ¾l 5th, PLAIN FACT (11lb better off) 2l *10th and* FARFELU *fell. BEAU VENTURE* beat Viceroy hd in 15-runner Goodwood (5f, good) handicap with JOE SUGDEN (3lb better off) sh hd and hd 4th. SNOWGIRL ¾l 3rd of 21 to Stack Rock in Newmarket (6f, good to firm) handicap.
Selection: SNOWGIRL

3.35 CORNWALLIS STAKES (Group 3: 2-Y-O: £29,484: 5f) (11 runners)

401	(5)	1413	MAGIC RING 9 (BF,CD,G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-2	A Munro	● 99
402	(8)	03314	ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 29 (D,G) (G Steinberg) L Holt 8-13	W Ryan	79
403	(4)	161402	NIGHT DUTY 21 (D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13	Paul Eddery	83
404	(2)	*210214*	*POWER LAKE 9 (D,F,G) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 8-13*	*B Raymond*	*96*
405	(6)	32	RICKY'S TORNADO 12 (BF) (B Cullen) D Elsworth 8-13	J Williams	79
406	(3)	321222	TINO TERE 21 (D,F,G) (P Hilton) J Berry 8-13	N Day	21
407	(1)	141430	CINDORA 21 (D,F) (Lady Nelson of Stafford) M Tompkins 8-8	S Whitworth	88
408	(7)	212222	HARVEST GIRL 21 (G) (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-8	B Cauthen	99
409	(10)	112121	MAMMA'S TOO 21 (D,F,G,S) (J Brown) J Berry 8-8	J Carroll	97
410	(11)	123	POOLESTA 34 (BF,D,F) (M Parrish) M W Easterby 8-8	L Dettori	93
411	(9)	421161	SPLICE 8 (D,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-8	D Duffield	87

BETTING: 4-6 Magic Ring, 6-1 Mamma's Too, 7-1 Power Lake, 12-1 Night Duty, 14-1 Harvest Girl, 16-1 Poolesta, Tino Tere, 20-1 Splice, 25-1 Ricky's Tornado, 33-1 Cindora, 50-1 Allthruthenight.

1990: MUJADIL 8-13 S Cauthen (9-4 fav) R Armstrong 11 ran

4.10 BROCAS HANDICAP (£12,037: 1m rnd) (14 runners)

501	(2)	145303	LIFEWATCH VISION 8 (D,F,G) (Dr A Gillespie) M Johnston 4-10-0	J Carroll	91
502	(12)	3-00001	SELAAH 18 (CD,F,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-7	B Cauthen	94
503	(8)	21-4018	EVASIVE PRINCE 96 (G,S) (Lord White of Hull) M Stoute 3-9-7	B Raymond	93
504	(13)	532800	OPERATION WOLF 7 (D,F) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) C Brittain 5-9-4	A Munro	96
505	(3)	286522	LANGTRY LADY 21 (D,F,S) (Mrs T Baron) M Ryan 5-8-11	D Biggs (5)	● 99
506	(4)	516105	ABDICATE 15 (D,F,G) (Kennet Valley Th'breds Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-6	L Dettori	93
507	(6)	030213	GABBIADINI 23 (V,D,F) (D Grant) M Tompkins 4-8-6	D Duffield	94
508	(1)	143036	WILD AND LOOSE 15 (D,G) (R Richards) D Elsworth 3-8-5	J Williams	95
509	(11)	210-004	ARABAT 12 (D,F,S) (Mrs H Wane) H Whiting 4-8-0	T Williams	92
510	(9)	633002	MAGIC SECRET 15 (B,D,S) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 6-7-12	N Carlisle	94
511	(7)	441363	MARINE DIVER 18 (D,F,G) (Merthyr Tydfil Car Auction) B Millman 5-7-8	J Fanning (3)	96
512	(10)	050050	USA DOLLAR 38 (B,D,F) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 4-7-7	—	93
513	(5)	000400	LA DOMAINE 10 (D,G,S) (Miss D Colvile) C Nelson 4-7-7	F Norton (5)	92
514	(14)	000-30U	ST PATRICK'S DAY 18 (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 3-7-7	—	82

Long handicap: Usa Dollar 7-2, La Domaine 7-1, St Patrick's Day 7-0.

BETTING: 5-1 Selaah, 5-1 Marine Diver, 6-1 Abdicate, 13-2 Langtry Lady, 8-1 Lifewatch Vision, 12-1 Evasive Prince, Operation Wolf, 14-1 Gabbiadini, 16-1 others.

1990: GREY OWL 3-8-4 G Carter (11-2 fav) J Gosden 13 ran

4.40 HYPERION GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £10,094: 7f) (7 runners)

601	(3)	4231	CASTEDDU 23 (D,F) (E Landi) J Payne 9-5	A Munro	98
602	(7)	12	JEUNE 21 (G) (Sir Robin McAlpine) D Wragg 9-5	B Cauthen	● 99
603	(2)	0601	MERLINS WISH 7 (F) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 9-5	B Whitworth	92
604	(5)	32	SECRET THING 42 (L Gaucci) C Brittain 8-13	L Dettori	92
605	(6)		SHAGNY (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 8-13	B Raymond	—
606	(1)		STORM CROSSING (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-13	Paul Eddery	—
607	(4)	03	GOODNITEOUT 38 (Y Akazawa) D Elsworth 8-8	J Williams	87

BETTING: 6-11 Jeune, 4-1 Shagny, 7-1 Storm Crossing, Casteddu, 12-1 Goodniteout, 14-1 Secret Thing, 16-1 Merlins Wish.

1990: KIMBERS 8-13 R Cochrane (25-1) C Nelson 8 ran

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MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.15 Ikebana.	2.15 Ikebana.	4.45 Aghaadir.
2.45 Unanimous.	2.45 Sariah.	
3.15 Yatoo.	3.15 Yatoo.	
3.45 Prince Ferdinand.	3.45 **PRINCE FERDINAND** (nap).	
4.15 Tbab.	4.15 Cumbrian Waltzer.	
4.45 Salmino.	4.45 Languedoc.	
5.15 Tetradonna.	5.15 Tetradonna.	

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 **PRINCE FERDINAND.**

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 BRAMHAM MOOR STAKES

(Graduation race: 3-Y-O: £5,222: 1m 3f 195yd) (3 runners)

1	(1)	2-11	DUC DE BERRY 11 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Harwood 9-4	A Clark	● 99
2	(3)	31	KANSK 15 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-1	W Carson	87
3	(2)	1	IKEBANA 196 (S) (R Sangster) H Cecil 8-10	A McGlone	96

BETTING: 6-4 Ikebana, 7-4 Duc De Berry, 2-1 Kansk.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.45 KIRKHAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £8,740: 1m 205yd) (13 runners)

1	(2)	00-3000	DESERT SPLENDOUR 7 (G) (A Richards) C Brittain 8-7	B Doyle (5)	82
2	(1)	2-125	SARIAH 106 (G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	85
3	(8)	602315	PORT SUNLIGHT 15 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 8-12	M Roberts	95
4	(4)	002382	BOLD BOSTONIAN 21 (G) (G Comben) H Candy 8-10	Antoinette Armes (7)	93
5	(10)	310015	MAN OF GOLD 25 (BF,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-8	A McGlone	87
6	(3)	41-12	STATAJACK 18 (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 8-8	J Lowe	90
7	(7)	1	MONTPELIER BOY 121 (G) (Sir Michael Sandberg) Lord Huntingdon 8-5	A Cruz	90
8	(13)	231063	SALUTING WALTER 8 (G) (P Flavin) M Ryan 8-5	G Carter	93
9	(12)	061412	UNANIMOUS 22 (BF,F,G) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 8-8	R Hills	● 99
10	*(9)*	*250050*	*SWIFT ROMANCE 8 (B,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 7-10*	*G Bardwell*	*92*
11	(11)	513300	SURREY DANCER 15 (G) (Cronk Racing Ltd) B Hanbury 7-7	C Hawksley	84
12	(5)	414144	WHO'S TEF 24 (BF,F) (T F Freight (Scarborough) Ltd) M H Easterby 7-7	B Maloney (5)	81
13	(6)	642085	WESTFIELD MOVES 31 (V,F,G) (A Walsley) H Collingridge 7-7	J Quinn	21

Long handicap: Surrey Dancer 7-5, Who's Tef 7-5, Westfield Moves 7-4.

BETTING: 9-2 Port Sunlight, 11-2 Man Of Gold, 6-1 Montpelier Boy, 7-1 Bold Bostonian, 8-1 Statajack, 10-1 Sariah, Saluting Walter, Swift Romance, 12-1 others.

1990: LUCKY GUEST 8-7 G Duffield (5-1) J Dunlop 16 ran

3.15 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES NURSERY HANDICAP

C4

(Final: 2-Y-O: £11,160: 6f 214yd) (12 runners)

1	(2)	31	SHARPITOR 29 (D,F) (H Lopes) W Jarvis 9-7	W Carson	87
2	(7)	06444	DRAGON SPIRIT 61 (J Chan) A Hide 9-6	B Rouse	21
3	(6)	341210	THRIE-NA-HELAH 86 (V,C,F,G) (N Sweeney) R Whitaker 9-3	A Culhane	92
4	(10)	003	YATOO 10 (Miss A Stalder) R Hannon 9-1	A Cruz	82
5	(4)	00031	ROCALITY 12 (D,G) (G Mizel) R Hannon 9-0	M Roberts	90
6	(8)	005	KING'S GUEST 57 (Lord Cadogan) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-10	A McGlone	80
7	(9)	001558	THORNTON GATE 30 (D,F) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 8-9	M Birch	95
8	(1)	2322	FEELING FOOLISH 4 (B) (M Turner) S Norton 8-5	K Darley	97
9	(11)	06030	CHILL WIND 112 (E Daley) N Bycroft 8-1	D Carter	21
10	(12)	050	MILLADOR 40 (Lady Nelson of Stafford) M Tompkins 8-1	R Hills	84
11	(5)	00504	STOPROVERITATE 3 (J Clark) S Norton 7-12	L Charnock	88
12	(3)	004005	HONEY VISION 8 (V) (Mrs J Peers) G Eden 7-7	J Lowe	● 93

Long handicap: Honey Vision 7-2.

BETTING: 4-1 Rocality, 5-1 Sharpitor, Yatoo, 6-1 Feeling Foolish, 8-1 Dragon Spirit, Thornton Gate, 10-1 Millador, 12-1 Thrie-na-Helah, 14-1 others.

1990: *REGENT'S FOLLY* 9-2 A Munro (10-1) W Jarvis 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHARPITOR beat Damisters Pet 1l in 14-runner Beverley (7f 110yd, firm) maiden auction with STOPROVERITATE (15lb better off) 8l 5th. DRAGON SPIRIT 4½l 4th of 8 to Misty View in *Leicester (7f, good) nursery. THRIE-NA-HELAH beat* She's Special hd here (6f, good) in 21-runner seller with THORNTON GATE (13lb better off) 8l 5th. YATOO 4¾l 3rd of 23 to *Room With A View in Nottingham* (6f, good to firm) maiden auction. ROCALITY beat Courting Niece 1l in 15-runner Wolverhampton (7f, good) nursery. FEELING FOOLISH stayed on well when ½l *2nd of 28 to Leap In The Dark in Redcar (1m, good to* firm) maiden auction.
Selection: SHARPITOR

3.45 ROCKINGHAM STAKES

C4

(Listed *race: 2-Y-O:* £11,160: 6f) (8 runners)

1	(6)	101	DANCING BOY 18 (D,F) (C Wacker III) Mrs J Cecil 8-12	W Carson	21
2	(7)	301344	DIAMOND MINE 23 (F,G) (P Savill) J Berry 8-12	K Darley	84
3	(1)	101	MASTER OF PASSION 75 (D,F,G) (M M Kwee) J Eustace 8-12	R Cochrane	05
4	(5)	121532	PRINCE FERDINAND 28 (D,F,G) (Miss J Winch) M McCormack 8-12	A Clark	● 99
5	(2)	063312	REGAL CHIMES 23 (F) (M Sturgess) B McMahon 8-12	J Lowe	67
6	(4)	43144	SILVIO ALFREDO 18 (D,G) (L *Gaucci*) C Brittain 8-12	M Roberts	74
7	(8)	0211	SUNDAY'S HILL 16 (D,G) (S Hinton) M Blanshard 8-12	W Newnes	85
8	(3)	61	MISTERIOSO 16 (D,F) (J Bailey) D Elsworth 8-7	M Birch	75

BETTING: 9-4 Dancing Boy, 7-2 Misterioso, 5-1 Prince Ferdinand, 7-1 Regal Chimes, 8-1 Master Of Passion, 12-1 Diamond Mine, Sunday's Hill, 16-1 Silvio Alfredo.

1990: PUNCH N'RUN 8-12 B Rouse (3-1) R Hannon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

DANCING BOY beat Orthorhombus 5l at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). MASTER OF PASSION beat Wave *Hill 1½l at Lingfield (6f).* PRINCE FERDINAND ½l 2nd to Bella Ideal in 12-runner Doncaster (6f, good to firm) graduation race with DANCING BOY (3lb worse off) 9½l 7th. REGAL CHIMES nk 2nd to Miss Nosey Parker in 8-runner Ayr (6f, good) listed race with DIAMOND MINE (same terms) ¾l 4th. SUNDAY'S HILL beat Fighting *Temeraire nk in 8-runner Ascot (6f, good) nursery with* SILVIO ALFREDO (8lb better off) 6l 4th. MISTERIOSO beat Mathasyl ½l in 5-runner Ascot (6f, good to firm) stakes race.
Selection: PRINCE FERDINAND

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	34	101	33.7	B Rouse	4	21	18.0
J Gosden	12	36	33.3	M Roberts	30	201	14.9
D Elsworth	9	37	24.2	W Carson	31	210	14.8
L Cumani	17	80	21.3	M Birch	23	189	12.2
A Stewart	6	38	15.8	A Cruz	8	26	11.5
W Hern	5	32	15.6	R Cochrane	17	150	11.3

4.15 CORAL SPRINT TROPHY (Handicap: £12,330: 6f) (16 runners)

C4

1	(2)	215020	HAKY 14 (D,G) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 3-8-11	Emma O'Gorman (5)	94
2	(14)	331206	GENTLE HERO 8 (C,D,F,G,S) (M O'Grady) M Naughton 5-9-4	J Fortune	92
3	(7)	120000	CUMBRIAN WALTZER 22 (CD,F,G,S) (Cumbrian Ltd) M H Easterby 6-9-4	M Birch	92
4	(10)	41020	TBAB 14 (D,S) (M Obaida) C Brittain 3-9-1	M Roberts	94
5	(9)	552023	HARD TO FIGURE 14 (D,F,G) (J Mussell) R Hodges 5-8-13	T Sprake	98
6	(11)	000503	PUNCH N'RUN 8 (CD,F,G) (R Bernard) R Hannon 3-8-12	B Rouse	92
7	(6)	005505	RESOLUTE BAY 6 (B,D,F,G) (D Buckley) R Whitaker 5-8-10	A Cruz	97
8	(8)	000031	LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 14 (B,CD,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 5-8-9	Dean McKeown	93
9	(5)	000052	LOVE LEGEND 3 (C,D,BF,F,G) (M Gilbalen) D Arbuthnot 6-8-8	W Carson	● 99
10	(13)	221200	PASADENA PET 22 (F) (D Russell) J Fanshawe 3-8-6	G Carter	84
11	(16)	142630	DOMINUET 15 (G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 6-8-5	R Fox	94
12	(15)	340020	LOFT BOY 3 (B,D,F,D,S) (Mrs B Allwright) J Bethell 8-7-12	R Hills	95
13	(12)	002405	GORINSKY 12 (D,F,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 3-7-12	N Adams	97
14	(4)	604000	SO RHYTHMICAL 8 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss C Barrow) G Eden 7-7-11	J Lowe	93
15	(3)	023540	SPORTING SIMON 18 (D,F,S) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 8-7-7	G Bardwell	92
16	(1)	060120	SULLY'S CHOICE 5 (B,CD,F,G,S) (W Nelson) D Chapman 10-7-7	S Wood	81

Long handicap: Sporting Simon 7-5, Sully's Choice 6-7.

BETTING: 8-1 Love Legend, 7-1 Tbab, 9-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, 10-1 Punch N'Run, Hard To Figure. 12-1 Gentle Hero, Letsbeonestaboutit, Resolute Bay, 14-1 So Rhythmical, 16-1 Loft Boy, Pasadena Pet, Gorinsky, 20-1 others.

1990: SO RHYTHMICAL 6-8-4 A Munro (7-1) G Eden 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

HAKY 12l 7th of 16 to Shalford in group 3 Diadem Stakes at Ascot (6f, soft) with TBAB (10lb better off) 5l 8th. GENTLE HERO sh hd 2nd of 11 to Montendre in 11-runner Newmarket (6f, good) listed race in August with PUNCH N'RUN (8lb better off) 6½l 5th. TBAB 3½l 2nd of 28 to Sarcita in valuable Ayr (6f, good) handicap on penultimate start with DOMINUET (2lb better off) sh hd 3rd, LOVE LEGEND (8lb better off) 2½l 8th, CUMBRIAN WALTZER 1½l 10th, GENTLE HERO 3½l 22nd, PASADENA PET 1l 24th and GORINSKY 1l 25th. PUNCH N'RUN 5½l 3rd of 12 to Perfolia in Newmarket (7f, good to firm) handicap with RESOLUTE BAY (2lb better off) 1l 5th, GENTLE HERO (2lb better off) sh hd 6th and SO RHYTHMICAL 3f 8th. LETSBEONESTABOUTIT beat Gondo ¾l in 16-runner Haydock (6f, good to soft) handicap with HARD TO FIGURE (3lb better off) hd 3rd, LOVE LEGEND (7lb better off) 2½l 5th and RESOLUTE BAY 10th. LOVE LEGEND hd 2nd of 12 to Hinari Televideo in handicap here (5f, good to firm) with LOFT BOY (same terms) 4¼l 10th. LOFT BOY 1½l 2nd of 12 to Viceroy in Newbury (5f, good to firm) handicap on penultimate start with SO RHYTHMICAL 13½l 10th.
Selection: LOVE LEGEND

4.45 CARLING BLACK LABEL LAGER HANDICAP (£6,940: 6f 214yd)

C4

(19 runners)

1	(8)	315022	SALMINO 21 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Calzini) Mrs D Reveley 3-9-13	J Fortune	95
2	(16)	1-40	AGHAADIR 14 (D,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 3-9-9	R Cochrane	86
3	(11)	200023	GO EXECUTIVE 14 (G) (M Dawes) C Brittain 3-9-3	M Roberts	97
4	(10)	130056	ASHDREN 22 (D,G,S) (N Brennan) A Harrison 4-9-3	K Fallon	94
5	(13)	000050	TIMELESS TIMES 31 (D,F,G,S) W O'Gorman 3-9-1	Emma O'Gorman (5)	97
6	(15)	300000	ALLINSON'S MATE 47 (C,F) (W Spink) T Barron 3-9-0	Alex Greaves	95
7	(5)	04-1206	MADONETTA 15 (G) (Lord Derby) R Charlton 3-8-8	W Carson	95
8	(2)	252400	SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 21 (D,S) (A Collins) J Watts 3-8-8	M Birch	95
9	(1)	112650	NORTHERN SPARK 21 (CD,G) (G Brittain) C Thornton 3-8-7	Dean McKeown	93
10	(4)	053103	MUMMY'S EMERALD 21 (D,F,S) (A Lyons) C Booth 3-8-7	A Culhane	95
11	(18)	613000	UNVEILED 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs K Burge) R Hodges 3-8-7	T Sprake	94
12	(6)	314065	EN ATTENDANT 9 (G) (Exors of late B Newton) B Hanbury 3-8-7	R Hills	95
13	(17)	213005	DREAM CARRIER 10 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Regler) R Hannon 3-8-5	B Rouse	93
14	(7)	000010	NORDIC BRAVE 21 (C,D,F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-8-5	B Maloney (5)	93
15	(3)	612006	GLENSTAL PRINCESS 8 (F,G) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 4-8-4	A Cruz	21
16	(16)	300032	LANGUEDOC 4 (Langdale Racing Stables) H Whiting 4-8-3	D Bardwell	● 98
17	(8)	446002	COLWAY DOMINION 11 (V,G) (K Stringer) J Watts 3-8-1	J Lowe	93
18	(12)	123660	STATE FLYER 15 (V,S) (Mrs P Flowers) D Oldroyd 3-7-12	L Charnock	98
19	(14)	313050	KIMBERLEY PARK 18 (D,G) (G Mills) D Arbuthnot 8-7-7	B Doyle (5)	95

Long handicap: Kimberley Park 7-4.

BETTING: 7-1 Aghaadir, 8-1 Go Executive, 10-1 Madonetta, 12-1 Ashdren, Salmino, Mummy's Emerald, Nordic Brave, Glenstal Princess, 14-1 Colway Dominion, 16-1 Dream Carrier, Sagebrush Roller, Northern Spark, 20-1 others.

1990: ISLAND WEDDING 3-8-6 W R Swinburn (9-2) M Stoute 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

SALMINO hd 2nd of 11 to Vilany in Ayr (7f, soft) handicap with MUMMY'S EMERALD (1lb better off) hd 3rd, EN ATTENDANT (same terms) 3f 6th and NORTHERN SPARK (3lb better off) 1l 7th. GO EXECUTIVE 2¼l 3rd of 29 to Night Jar in Ascot (7f, good to soft) handicap with AGHAADIR (5lb better off) 7¼l 7th; previously nk 2nd of 18 to Takenhall in handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with STATE FLYER (14lb better off) 7l 6th, SAGEBRUSH ROLLER (14lb better off) 1¾l 7th and NORDIC BRAVE 14th. ASHDREN 5l 6th of 29 to Sarcita in valuable Ayr (6f, good) handicap. EN ATTNEDANT 6¼l 5th of 18 to Chatham Island in Lingfield (1m 2f, godo) handicap. DREAM CARRIER 8¼l 5th of 8 to Selaah in Ascot (1m, good to firm). NORDIC BRAVE *7½l 7th of 18 to Double Entendre in Ayr (1m, soft)* handicap with SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 13½l 15th; previously beat SALMINO (same terms) 2l in 8-runner Ayr (7f, good to firm) handicap with MUMMY'S EMERALD 9l 9th. GLENSTAL PRINCESS 4¾l 6th of 21 to Stack Rock in Newmarket (6f, good to firm) handicap. LANGUEDOC 1½l 2nd of 18 to Super Benz in Redcar (7f, good to firm) handicap.
Selection: NORDIC BRAVE

5.15 COLDSTREAM GUARDS ASSOCIATION CUP MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £5,617: 1m 2f 85yd) (12 runners)

1	(8)	0-0	BOLLIN WILLIAM 15 (Sir Neil Westbrook) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	—
2	(7)	8	BRAVE MISSION 28 (B) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	—
3	(2)	0	FLYING SPEED 175 (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 9-0	A Cruz	—
4	(12)	4	KING ATHELSTAN 28 (Lord White of Hull) J Gosden 9-0	W Carson	73
5	(11)		MANZOOR SAYADAN (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts	—
6	(5)		RURIK (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	G Carter	—
7	(10)	6-30	SEA CADET 15 (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 9-0	A McGlone	67
8	(1)	8	SODA POPINSKI 105 (Mrs E Cumani) L Cumani 9-0	J Fortune	73
9	(3)	0-0	STYRIAN 15 (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0	B Rouse	—
10	(6)	4	BLUE BIRDS FLY 10 (I Rootes) R Charlton 8-9	R Hills	75
11	(8)	3-2084	TETRADONNA 85 (BF) (Mrs S O'Brien) D Elsworth 8-9	R Cochrane	● 99
12	(4)		*TROTH (Mrs A Hancock Jr) J Gosden 8-9*	*W Newnes*	—

BETTING: 8-1 Tetradonna, 4-1 King Athelstan, 11-2 Blue Birds Fly, 8-1 Styrian, 7-1 Soda Popinski, 8-1 Rurik, 10-1 Manzoor Sayadan, 12-1 Brave Mission, 14-1 Sea Cadet, Troth, 16-1 others

1990: STAGECRAFT 9-0 W R Swinburn (6-2 fav) M Stoute 12 ran

Racing next week

MONDAY: Newcastle, Leicester, Fontwell Park.
TUESDAY: Chepstow, Leicester, Devon & Exeter, Sedgefield.
WEDNESDAY: Wolverhampton, Redcar, Cheltenham, Wetherby.
THURSDAY: Newmarket, Hexham, Taunton, Uttoxeter.
FRIDAY: Newmarket, Catterick Bridge, Ludlow.
SATURDAY: Newmarket, Kempton Park, Catterick Bridge, Kelso, Southwell, Stratford.

(Flat meetings in bold)

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YORK: 2.45 Swift Romance. 3.15 Feeling Foolish. 5.15 Brave Mission.

A chance for two to watch the final

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THE Times today teams with Johnsoo Matthey to present a competition with a special first prize: a pair of tickets for the Rugby World Cup final at Twickenham on November 2. Also, for each of the 6ve runners-up, there will be a solid silver "offieial supporters medal".

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THE QUESTIONS

1. Which country taking part in the 1991 World Cup final stages did not play io the inaugural tournament?
2. Against whom did Italy record their only wio io the 1987 World Cup?

3. Name the French player, above, who set an individual points-scoring record of 30 during the 1987 tournament?
4. Which country is seeded eighth in the 1991 World Cup?
5. Which Italian club does David Campese play for?

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Wales must call on character

By GERALD DAVIES

ELSEWHERE they already know their fate in the Rugby World Cup. Not in Pool 3, though. But then this group was always going to be trouble. And, even today, its mind will not be made up. So, which teams will go forward to the quarter-finals will not be resolved when Wales meet Australia at Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon.

Only the result of the match between Argentina and Western Samoa, at Pontypridd tomorrow, will settle the issue. Everything will be clear if both Australia and Western Samoa win, but a try count will be necessary if there is any deviation from this.

The lifeline which the victory against Argentina gave Wales is thin. But this is better than none at all. These, for goodness' sake, are difficult times.

The Welsh performance on Wednesday was heroic of its kind, even if vulnerable. Considering the desperate depths from which they were emerging and the overwhelming emptiness they must have felt after defeat by Western Samoa last Sunday, victory was an extraordinary blessing. Why, at this stage, should Wales ask for more — or anybody else, for that matter, demand more of them?

There was an aptness that Wales, having given so much to the game in the past and recently having eaten enough bread of humiliation, should for the moment suffer no more. To celebrate the performance, however briefly, might not have been worthy of a glass of vintage, so familiar were the errors, but a draught went down sweetly enough.

If the match did not rage away as some of us would have liked, the brief, intense roar of triumph and relief which greeted Arnold's try on Wednesday was a jubilant explosion of a deep-seated yearning for the good things. Among the burly-hurly, I hope the players heard it.

As a result of constant failure, the criticism becomes unbearable and the players begin to see the spectre of enemies everywhere. They need reassurance. Those rare seconds of indulgence from the crowd should have given it to them.

Today, Wales, as they face the grim-visaged men opposite, must grit their teeth once again. For they have yet to prove there is as much skill as character in the team. No native genius informs this Welsh side; they have too few outstanding players. Robert Jones certainly is one; Emyr Lewis is a player growing into his place, as is Webster when he is less impulsive. Evans and Emyr can be relied upon to do their stuff on the wing. Others need to persuade Australia there is danger in their eyes, too.

The only changes from Wednesday's game is that Tony Clement is restored to full back and Mike Rayer is now replacement instead of Steve Ford.

There is nothing evenly balanced about this afternoon's encounter; nobody foresees Australia's apple-cart being overturned. Australia themselves say as much. There is no modesty here.

Australia do not go in for much wishful thinking. They did, once, some years ago, when rugby mattered less. Nowadays, they are practical men of the rugby world. And they showed this in their power and discipline in grim conditions at Pontypool Park.

They have showed it, too, in selecting Eales in the second row and moving Ofahengaue to the No. 8 position. Eales is a fine player but one still in the making and, as should be expected of one so young, he has not the authority just yet for the middle of the back row.

They have played only fitfully so far; the summer's swagger has yet to appear. They promise it will be back.

Survival instinct: the skill and determination shown by Lewis is something Wales need throughout their team

THE MATHEMATICS OF POOL 3

FORM indicates that Australia (by beating Wales today) and Western Samoa (by beating Argentina tomorrow) will qualify for the quarter-finals from Pool 3. Australia would go through as the Pool 3 winners (to play the Pool 2 runners-up, Scotland or Ireland, in Dublin a week tomorrow), and Western Samoa, as Pool 3 runners-up, would play the Pool 2 winners, Scotland or Ireland, at Murrayfield next Saturday.

But . . . if Wales beat Australia today, they could be locked in a three-way tie at the top of Pool 2 with Australia and Western Samoa (if they beat Argentina tomorrow); each team would have seven points (two wins and one defeat). The positions would then be decided on results between the three countries; that would still leave them level, Western Samoa having beaten Wales, Wales having beaten Australia, and Australia having beaten Western Samoa. The next stage would be the number of tries scored in those matches: Wales and Western Samoa tied 2-2, and Australia and Western Samoa tied 0-0. The next stage would be the total number of tries scored in the pool matches; so far, Australia have scored five, Wales three and Western Samoa two.

There is even hope for Wales if they lose to Australia and then Western Samoa lose to Argentina. That would leave Wales, Western Samoa and Argentina with five points each (one win and two defeats). The critical factor would be the number of tries scored in matches between those three teams: Wales tied with Western Samoa 2-2 and Argentina 1-1. In total tries in the pool matches, Wales and Argentina have three each and Western Samoa two.

And there is still a chance for Argentina to qualify, in the scenario above, with them beating Western Samoa, and Wales losing to Australia.

CARDIFF TEAMS

Wales			Australia	
A Clement (Swansea)	15	Full back	M C Roebuck (Eastwood)	15
I C Evans* (Llanelli)	14	Right wing	R H Egerton (Sydney University)	14
I S Gibbs (Neath)	13	Right centre	J S Little (Southern Districts)	13
M R Hall (Cardiff)	12	Left centre	T J Horan (Southern Districts)	12
A Emyr (Cardiff)	11	Left wing	D I Campese (Randwick)	11
M G Ring (Cardiff)	10	Stand off	M P Lynagh* (Queensland Univ)	10
R N Jones (Swansea)	9	Scrum half	P J Slattery (Queensland Univ)	9
M Griffiths (Cardiff)	1	Prop	A J Daly (Eastern Suburbs)	1
G R Jenkins (Pontypool)	2	Hooker	P N Kearns (Randwick)	2
L Delaney (Llanelli)	3	Prop	E J A McKenzie (Randwick)	3
E W Lewis (Llanelli)	6	Flanker	S P Poidevin (Randwick)	6
P Arnold (Swansea)	4	Lock	R J McCall (Brothers)	4
K Moseley (Newport)	5	Lock	J A Eales (Brothers)	5
R Webster (Swansea)	7	Flanker	V Ofahengaue (Manly)	7
P T Davies (Llanelli) *Captain	8	No. 8	J S Miller (Queensland Univ) *Captain	8

Referee: K Lawrence (New Zealand)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 D W Evans (Cardiff), 17 A H Booth (Cardiff), 18 M A Rayer (Cardiff), 19 K Waters (Newbridge), 20 H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police), 21 M S Morris (Neath)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 O Nucifora (Queensland University), 17 O Crowley (Southern Districts), 18 T Coker (Wests), 19 B Nasser (Queensland University), 20 A Herbert (GPS), 21 J Flett (Randwick).

Murrayfield teams haunted by green and gold spectre

By BRYAN STILES

THE presence of a greeo and gold spectre can be felt in the clammy fog that hangs over Murrayfield. It carries the ehilling threat that whoever loses the Pool 2 match between Scotland and Ireland there this afternoon will almost certainly have to play the Australians in the quarter-finals.

The winners will have the far less daunting task of meeting the runners-up in Australia's pool. It is a prospect that will lend ao even greater urgency to the elash between these old adversaries. At last the real action is about to commence in Pool 2.

Neither was extended as they extinguished the game challenges of Japan and Zimbabwe. Thnse matches simply served to get players battle-hardened, patterns of play established and accustom the medical staff to dealing with heavy bruising — an inevitable and paioful result of crossing swords with the Japanese.

As ever at this level, the forwards and the goalkickers hold the keys to success. But what should be equally absorbing is the clash between the two sets of half backs, or "units of activity" — rugby buzzwords gaining in popularity. Chalmers and Armstrong, of Scotland, a well-established and match-winning pairing that has served the British Lions; in contrast the Ireland combination of Keyes and Saunders has been matched up only in the past few weeks.

Keyes won his first cap five years ago then bad to wait until last week before winning his second at the age of 30. It was the stuff of dreams. After wandering the wilderness for so long he was recalled against Zimbabwe and calmly set an Irish record by scoring 23 points. He followed that with 16 against the Japanese.

Keyes has struck up a promising partnership with Saunders and both are likely to test the Scottish defence with their tactical kicking. Their Scottish counterparts have a distinct advantage with their greater experience and Armstrong has been extremely adept at fashioning tries with his back row.

Lenihan wins his fiftieth cap for Ireland and brings a wealth of experience to the pack. Francis, his second-row partner, is Ireland's lineout hope but it is an area where Scotland will be keen to profit with Gray, Weir and Jeffrey.

The Scottish forwards seem confident that their raw-boned charges are going to carry the day and that they will be able to put Ireland under extreme pressure, particularly in the last quarter.

Bot Ciaran Fitzgerald, the Ireland coach, who rebuilt the side last January, says his young players are more street-wise now and they are clearly full of confidence after just failing to beat Scotland on their last visit seven mooths ago.

In Geoghegan, they have the most exciting wing in the home countries and, with Mullin always on song, at Murrayfield the Irish are fired np to cause an upset. The all-round power and experience of the Scots should, however, prove decisive.

MURRAYFIELD TEAMS

Scotland			Ireland	
A G Hastings (Watsonians)	15	Full back	J E Staples (London Irish)	15
A G Stanger (Hawick)	14	Right wing	S P Geoghegan (London Irish)	14
S Hastings (Watsonians)	13	Right centre	B J Mullin (Blackrock College)	13
S R P Lineen (Boroughmuir)	12	Left centre	D M Curtis (London Irish)	12
I Tukalo (Selkirk)	11	Left wing	K D Crossan (Instonians)	11
C M Chalmers (Melrose)	10	Stand-off	R P Keyes (Cork Constitution)	10
G Armstrong (Jed-Forest)	9	Scrum half	R Saunders (London Irish)	9
A P Burnell (London Scottish)	1	Prop	N J Popplewell (Greystones)	1
J Allan (Edinburgh Academicals)	2	Hooker	S J Smith (Ballymena)	2
D M B Sole* (Edinburgh Academicals)	3	Prop	D C Fitzgerald (De La Salle Palmerston)	3
J Jeffrey (Kelso)	6	Flanker	M Matthews* (Wanderers)	6
C A Gray (Nottingham)	4	Lock	D G Lenihan (Cork Constitution)	4
G W Weir (Melrose)	5	Lock	N P J Francis (Blackrock College)	5
F Calder (Stewart's-Melville FP)	7	Flanker	G F Hamilton (Ballymena)	7
D B White (London Scottish) *Captain	8	No. 8	B F Robinson (Ballymena) *Captain	8

REPLACEMENTS: 18 P W Dods (Gala), 17 A G Shiel (Melrose), 18 G H Oliver (Hawick), 19 G R Marshall (Selkirk), 20 G J Watt (Glasgow High-Kelvinside), 21 K S Milne (Heriot's FP).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 K J Murphy (Cork Constitution), 17 V J G Cunningham (St Mary's College), 18 L F P Aherne (Lansdowne), 19 T J Kingston (Dolphin), 20 G F Halpin (London Irish), 21 N P Mannion (Lansdowne).

New Zealand are ready to assert their authority

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEW Zealand will conclude fixtures in Pool 1 tomorrow on top, as they have been from the first day of this World Cup. It is inconceivable that they will not beat Italy at Welford Road, Leicester, and therefore go forward to a quarter-final io Lille against either Canada or France, whichever of those countries are runners-up in Pool 4.

The only previous fixture between the two countries was that which opened the 1987 tournament, when the All Blacks beat Italy 70-6. There has been no comparable difference in this World Cup yet, but New Zealand were mightily dissatisfied with their showing against the Americans on Tuesday and Italy may suffer the backlash.

Gianni Zanon, the Italian captain, has been dropped so that Carlo Cecchinato, who is taller, can be included at No. 8. Giancarlo Pivetta leads the side from hooker while the opposing captain, Gary Whetton, equals the New Zealand record of 55 appearances held by another second row forward, Colin Meads. Whetton is one of 12 Aucklanders in the New Zealand XV, which is believed to constitute a record for players from one province.

NEW ZEALAND: T Wright; J Kirwan, C Innes, W Little, V Tuigamala; G Fox, J Hewett, S McDowall, S Fitzpatrick, R Loe, A Whetton, G Whetton (captain), I Jones, M Carter, 2 Brooke. Replacements: S Pilgrim, B McCahill, J Preston, P Henderson, A Earl, G Dowd

ITALY: P Vaccari; E Ventun, F Gaetaneato, O Domingues, Marcello Cuttitta, M Bonomi, I Francescato, Massimo Cuttitta, G Pivetta (captain), F Properzi Curti, A Bottacchari, R Favoro, G Croci, M Giovanelli, C Cecchinato. Replacements: O Tebaldi, S Bordon, F Pietrosanti, G Zanon, G Grespan, C Orlandi.

Referee: K Fitzgerald (Australia)

W Samoa v Argentina

WESTERN Samoa have made four changes for their vital Pool 3 match against Argentina at Pontypridd oo Sinday. Tagaloa, who came on as n replacement against Australia on Wednesday, retains his place on the wing at the expense of Fa'amasino, and, in the pack, Viafale, who scored a try in the opener against Wales, returns to the flank and Lam returns at No. 8.

Perelini, the No. 8 against Australia, moves to the flank. Kaleopa and Paramore are dropped, as is the prop, Alaalatoa, who is replaced by Sio.

The Samoans, arguably the most illuminating side in the tournament to date, clearly deserve to reach the last eight and should do so against a side which greatly disappointed in losing to Wales last Wednesday night.

Wales may not be the only couotry this weekend fearful of Western Samoa's power and aggression: Scotland or Ireland whom they would meet in the quarter-final next weekend may have equal respect for the South Pacific islanders.

ARGENTINA: G Angaut, M Teran, E Laborde, H Garca Simon, O Cuesta Silva; L Arbizu, G Camardon, O Cash, M Bosch, F Mendez, P Buabse, P Sporleder, J Santamarina, F Irazaval, P Garreton (captain)

WESTERN SAMOA: A Aiolupo, B Lima, T Vaega, F Bunce, T Iogalos, S Bachop, M Vaea, T Sio, S Toomalatai, P Fatialofa (captain), M Keenan, M Birnthwaite, P Lam, A Perelini, S Viafale

France v Canada

ALTHOUGH both France and Canada refuse to mention it, the daunting prospect of playing the All Blacks in the quarter-finals is the one factor conditioning their thinkiog aod preparations (Chris Thau writes). Both believe that the game against New Zealand would bring their World Cup run to an early end. Both believe that England in Paris is n softer option.

The French coach, Daniel Dubroca, who captained France in the previous World Cup, poioted out that one of the mistakes of his country's 1987 campaign was to change the side to give each player in the squad a game before the semi-finals.

"Each game io the World Cup is an international and we must approach them accordingly," he said. "This is the best French side available but there is still a lot of work to be done. This is why we keep them together, in order to improve."

The Canadians, who feel they have nothing to lose and therefore are under less pressure, make four changes, two in the pack bringing back the heroes of their historic wio against Fiji, the flanker, Al Charon, and the veteran second-row forward, John Robertsen.

FRANCE: S Blanco (captain), J B Laland, P Sella, F Mesnel, P Saint-Andre, O Camberabero, F Galthié, G Lascube, P Marocco, P Onderts, E Champ, J M Cadieu, O Roumat, L Cabannes, A Benazzi.

CANADA: M Wyatt (captain), P Palmer, C Stewart, L Woods, S Gray, G Rees, C Tynan, E Evans, K Svoboda, O Jackart, A Charron, J Robertson, N Hedley, O MacKinnon, G Ennis.

Referee: S Hilditch (Ireland)

Fiji v Romania

Brive The giant Fijian second-row forward, Nadolo, one of the tallest men in the tournament, makes his first appearance in the competition alongside Turuva at full back and Olsson at No. 8. The Romanians have announced their strongest side, in which the veteran centre, Lungu, wins his 71st cap, a Romanian record, and Nicusor Marin makes his international debut at flanker.

Fiji: O Turuva; F Seru, N Nadruku, K Nasoro, T Vonolagi, I Rabaka, P Tabuluti, P Volavola, D Baleiwai, N Vua, I Tawake, I Savai, A Nadolo, A Dere (captain), M Olsson.

ROMANIA: N Racean, C Sasu, A Lungu, N Fulga, L Colceiu, N Nichitean, O Neagu; C Stan, G Ion, G Vlad, G Dinu, S Croitoru, C Cojocariu, N Marin, H Duntrasa (captain)

Referee: O Doyle (Ireland).

WORLD CUP PROGRAMME

Pool 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	2	0	1	85	33	7
New Zealand	2	2	0	0	64	16	6
Italy	2	1	0	1	36	45	4
US	3	0	0	3	24	113	3

RESULTS: England 12, New Zealand 16; Italy 30, United States 9; New Zealand 46, United States 6; England 36, Italy 6; England 37, United States 9.

FIXTURES: Tomorrow: New Zealand v Italy (Leicester, 3pm).

Pool 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	2	2	0	0	98	21	6
Ireland	2	2	0	0	87	27	6
Japan	2	0	0	2	25	79	2
Zimbabwe	2	0	0	2	23	106	2

RESULTS: Scotland 47, Japan 9; Ireland 55, Zimbabwe 11; Ireland 32, Japan 16; Scotland 51, Zimbabwe 12.

FIXTURES: Today: Scotland v Ireland (Murrayfield, 1.30pm). Oct 14: Zimbabwe v Japan (Belfast, 3pm).

Pool 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	2	2	0	0	41	22	6
Wales	2	1	0	1	29	23	4
W Samoa	2	1	0	1	19	22	4
Argentina	2	0	0	2	26	48	2

RESULTS: Australia 32, Argentina 19; Wales 13, Western Samoa 16; Australia 9, Western Samoa 3; Wales 16, Argentina 7.

FIXTURES: Today: Wales v Australia (Cardiff, 3.15pm). Tomorrow: Argentina v Western Samoa (Pontypridd, 1pm).

Pool 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	2	2	0	0	63	12	6
Canada	2	2	0	0	32	14	6
Fiji	2	0	0	2	12	46	2
Romania	2	0	0	2	14	49	2

RESULTS: France 30, Romania 3; Fiji 3, Canada 13; France 33, Fiji 9; Canada 19, Romania 11.

FIXTURES: Today: Fiji v Romania (Brive, 7pm): Tomorrow: France v Canada (Agen, 4.45pm).

☐ Teams in pool matches are awarded three points for a victory, two for a draw and, if defeated, one for fulfilling the fixture.

QUARTER-FINALS: Oct 19: Pool 2 winners v Pool 3 runners-up (Murrayfield, 1pm); Pool 4 winners v Pool 1 runners-up (Paris, 3pm). Oct 20: Pool 3 winners v Pool 2 runners-up (Dublin, 1pm); Pool 1 winners v Pool 4 runners-up (Lille, 4pm).

SEMI-FINALS: Oct 26: Murrayfield winners v Paris winners (Murrayfield, 2.30pm). Oct 27: Dublin winners v Lille winners (Dublin, 2.30pm).

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF: Oct 30: Cardiff, 2.30pm.

FINAL: Nov 2: Twickenham, 2.30pm.

☐ Scotland lead the table for the Heinz fair play award. They have conceded 14 penalties. They are followed by: Canada 16, Argentina, Australia and Zimbabwe 17 each, Ireland 18, Japan 19, New Zealand 23, Fiji 24, Western Samoa, France and Romania 28 each, England 29, Wales 30, United States and Italy 47 each.

TELEVISION

Today: ITV 13.10-16.45 and Screensport 13.15-16.40: Scotland v Ireland; Wales v Australia. Screensport 16.50-20.40: Fiji v Romania. ITV 23.30-00.15 and Screensport 21.30-22.30: Highlights. Tomorrow: ITV 12.40-14.40 and Screensport 12.45-14.45: Argentina v Western Samoa. ITV 17.20-19.05 and Screensport 14.45-16.30: New Zealand v Italy. Screensport 16.30-16.25: France v Canada. ITV 23.35-00.15 and Screensport 21.30-22.30: Highlights.

ITV persuades hoi polloi across rugby's great divide

LAURA THOMPSON

After a week of watching, I realise that I am glad that the Rugby World Cup is being televised by ITV and not the BBC. Why should ITV have had to accept for so long the lapidary decree that has giveo almost every decent sporting event to its rival?

Why should it have endured all those humiliating years of counteracting *Grandstand* with Fat Women's Competitive Bouncy Castle Trampolining live from Gotham City. Why should the BBC always be allowed to wallow in those weeks of sumptuous screen time, always be allowed to be gentlemen of leisure, painting slow, untroubled still-lifes of snooker players bent over their cues, of the Royal Box at Wimbledon, of the alligators at Kiawah Island?

Meanwhile, ITV's afternooo schedule has had to comprise a brave multicultural patchwork of *Fantasy Island, Give Us a Clue, Home and Away, Take the High Road, That's My Dog* and films with blurbs like: "*Deadly City* (1983), a made-for-TV movie, with Stefanie Powers and Efrem Zimbalist Jr"?

It is not fair. ITV should be allowed to have a crack at a biggie like the Rugby World Cup. For too long it has been told that money cannot huy it the Reithian Corinthian nobility of the BBC. It has been told that it cannot be trusted not to turn traditional events into eommercial breaks interspersed with the odd nugget of sport and smothered in Ronald Reagan Presidential Inauguration Ceremony Sauce. It has been told that it is not its fault, just as it is not the fault of the *nouveau riche* if they wish their diamante doorbells in Chigwell to play *Lady in Red* at the touch of a finger, but still they had to know their place.

And I was initially dubious about ITV's ability to guide us safely through the Rugby World Cup. I dreaded nothing so concrete as, for example, an interview with Mrs Guscott in which she revealed Jerry's Bathroom Beauty Secrets, or a humorous little film in which the Old East Sheenians Chartered Surveyors XV performed the *haka* outside their local.

The BBC would be quite capable of doing that sort of thing itself; and such things do not matter, they are merely fascinatingly embarrassing. Not since the heyday of The Krankies have I squirmed so much as when Alisoo Holloway escorted Will Carling on to *This Morning* to endure Ordeal by Madeley and Finnigan; smiling torturers who would not rest until Will confessed to being fanciable.

But these are inessentials. The problem, for me, lay in ITV's essential nature, its undeniably violent urges towards getting its audiences into an amiable stranglehold and telling them how much they are enjoying what they are watching, urges which are oot unrelated to the need to attract advertisers.

ITV has to present things as being so important that not to watch them would be madness. The BBC can simply assume that you are watching out of love.

I have always believed, deep down, io the Reithian Corinthian oobility of the BBC and now I believed that this was best for rugby union.

Rugby is standing on this ill-defined borderline between amateurism aod professionalism, and I felt that ITV, which would surely treat the World Cup as something that had to be won if teams, nations, wished to retain their self-belief, their sanity, would push rugby once and for all into that harsh world whose first law decrees Victory at Any Price.

But this has oot happened. Instead, there has been a naive kindliness in ITV's presentation of the rugby; unlike the BBC, it has not been able to assume that everybody has known the rules of the game since birth and it has told you things.

It has kept faith with seasoned experts, with the big, reassuring faces of Clive Norling, Steve Smith and Fran Cotton, with their indestructibly relaxed, down-to-earth good-blokishoess.

The World Cup may well attract for rugby a new audience, but what most of these will be responding to is the Event, the continuum, the finite progress of a competition. Go to Twickenham and you will still find an overwhelming majority of Old East Sheeniaos io their rugger jerseys: regular types who go to the pub before Sunday lunch, who worship Rik Mayall, who go on *Blind Date* and then say on the follow-up interview: "Game girl — serious woman — but I couldn't handle those white stilettoes", who love rugby because it is always butch but rarely violent.

Rugby union is a sporting sanctuary for nice chaps and perhaps always will be. Paying players for outside activities will not change that. The law of Victory at Any Price, which the England team has been living under, many with luck be repealed after its failure to do anything but turn players into terrified and teose inadequates against New Zealand: open rugby needs an open mind. And look at how the essentially amateur nature of rugby has withstood the essentially commercial nature of ITV — or possibly ITV was not so bad all along. Get *That's My Dog* on to BBC1.

Mabbutt poised for an England return

Taylor is irked by slogan which may encourage Turkey

By STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AS IF the problems caused by injury were not enough, Graham Taylor, the England manager, has another worry. He has been irritated by a newspaper advertisement which suggests that his side should overwhelm Turkey in the European championship qualifying tie at Wembley on Wednesday.

The headline, above an invitation to apply for tickets, reads: "This time just winning won't be enough."

Designed by Saatchi and Saatchi, it was issued from Wembley apparently without the approval of the Football Association. Taylor himself was not consulted and described it as "disappointing, unnecessary and disrespectful to the opposition".

He believed it to be as provocative as the jeering of the foreign national anthem. "That lifts the opposition because it makes them even more determined to show what they can do. This could have the same effect."

Under the circumstances, it is as well that his attack is still comparatively healthy. Hirst, who would not have started anyway, is the only forward to have withdrawn. Yet, Taylor estimates that no fewer than 11 of his potential central defenders are injured and have dropped out.

Pallister is the latest confirmed casualty and Adams is still not certain to be available, although his groin strain is not so troublesome before a game as after it. The indications are that Mabbutt, the Tottenham Hotspur captain, will benefit from the absenteeism and from Taylor's selection policy.

Although he chose to promote the younger generation against the Turks in Izmir five months ago, he will now turn to elder statesmen against the same opposition at home.

"That may seem strange to some people," he said. "But a competitive fixture at Wembley is not the right time to introduce newcomers."

Mabbutt, who made his international debut in midfield nine years ago, has appeared only twice as a central defender — initially against the Turks and against West Germany in 1987. On both occasions, he was accompanied by Adams, his rival for the role alongside Walker, who has himself recently recovered from injury.

Barrett gained his lone cap during the summer tour of the South Pacific and, apart from his international naivety, is too similar in style to Walker. Jobson is not considered a realistic contender.

Despite the problems, Taylor expects to have more than a full, albeit weakened, complement. When Batty, Dorigo and Woods reported belatedly for duty last night, the party included 24 players and, consequently, there are no plans for further replacements.

In view of England's setbacks, it is ironic that Sepp Piontek, the Turkey manager, should decide to omit the principal danger recognised by Taylor. Tanju, aged 27, with 30 caps and comfortably the nation's leading scorer last season, has surprisingly been dropped. They will also be without their captain, Metin, through injury.

FA confirms AA deal

THE Football Association confirmed yesterday that the England squad is to be sponsored for £100,000 for the next three years by American Airways (Stuart Jones writes). The team will be flown to fixtures in the United States and beyond, but not in Europe, until the World Cup finals there in 1994.

Criticism of the FA's decision to accept an offer from a foreign airline is misguided. British Airways, who have been reluctant to be involved with football teams, asked for £300,000 to fly England to Cagliari last summer. Virgin Airways were also approached but Richard Branson's response was initially cool. His marketing representative subsequently failed to attend a meeting which had been arranged with the FA.

Lumsden steps in to protect players

By CLIVE WHITE

JIMMY Lumsden, the Bristol City manager, yesterday took the extraordinary step of leaving two players out of his team to protect them against abuse from home supporters. Keith Welch, the goalkeeper, and Robert Edwards, a young midfield player, will thus miss today's meeting with Watford at Ashton Gate.

Edwards was one of two players allegedly spat upon by City supporters after the Rumbelows Cup defeat by Bristol Rovers on Tuesday. "I am not prepared to let my young players put up with that sort of abuse," Lumsden said.

John Beck, the Cambridge United manager, is expecting his club's supporters to smother his team with something quite different — gratitude — when they take the field at the Abbey Stadium against Sunderland. "I just hope our supporters take a look at this week's fixtures and really appreciate how much our team have achieved," Beck said. As well as entertaining the slumbering northeast giants, Cambridge played host this week to Manchester United, the League leaders, and held them to a 1-1 draw in a Rumbelows Cup second-round tie.

Two years ago this week, Cambridge were next to bottom of the fourth division. This morning, they stand fourth in the second division, poised perhaps to become a founder member of the Premier League.

Swindon Town are proving, as they did under Osvaldo Ardiles two seasons ago, that "Route One" is not the only way to reach the top and that there are long balls and long balls. However, Hoddle, the Swindon player-manager and master of the long pass played to feet, tore a thigh muscle last Saturday and will be missing from the match at the County Ground against Derby County.

Perryman denies James bid

WATFORD yesterday denied speculation that Liverpool have made a £1 million offer for the England Under-21 goalkeeper, David James, whose contract expires next summer.

The Watford manager, Steve Perryman, who put James on the transfer-list last week, said: "I would be very surprised if Liverpool were not watching David, along with the rest of the first division clubs. But Liverpool have not made any bid. We have received offers and we are still considering our options."

☐ The Football Trust is to grant York City £65,000 to help meet the cost of the club's new stand, built in memory of David Longhurst, the forward who died at a match in September 1990.

☐ Swindon Town have appointed local businessman Ray Hardman as non-executive chairman in place of Ken Chapman, who resigned because of ill health on Wednesday.

The final hurdle beckons Yorath

By CLIVE WHITE

TERRY Yorath has taken no pleasure in the past week from watching Welsh rugby face up to the painful truth about its standing in the world game. Neither has it particularly upset him. It just concerns him that should the Principality's "other" football team assume a rare position of pride of place in its heart next week, it does so for all the right reasons.

Not since the Gentle Giant, John Charles, walked tall in the Valleys has Wales had a football team worthy of greater appreciation than that of its rugby brethren by its own people. But Yorath recognises that the acknowledgement will only be granted them if, for once, they do not fall at the final hurdle to a major championship.

A draw against Germany in Nuremburg (say it quickly enough and it doesn't sound too difficult) would virtually guarantee Wales their place in the European championship finals. They would then only need to draw with Luxembourg in November (appropriately at the Arms Park) to cause a sensation — the elimination of Germany.

Not since 1958 — and only in 1958 — have Wales qualified for the finals of a major championship and even then they had to be admitted by the back door to the Swedish World Cup finals after the withdrawal of Israel. With Sweden beckoning again, Yorath sees Wales fulfilling an appointment with destiny.

Tempting fate, though, can be a dangerous business when dealing with the Welsh, as Yorath, aged 41, knows only too well. In the course of winning 59 caps as a player, Yorath personally experienced his share of the many anti-climactic moments in Welsh football history, most sickeningly for him the Hand of Joe incident in 1977 when the referee awarded a penalty against the Welsh for hand ball at Anfield.

Yorath remains convinced, like thousands of others, to this day that the hand, rather than being Welsh, belonged to Joe Jordan, his Leeds colleague, godfather to his eldest daughter, and Scottish rival. "Joe still won't admit it. He just smiles," Yorath said.

It was one of the few times that the hardened midfield warrior ever shed tears over a match, though he recovered sufficiently to bring himself to name his youngest son, Jordan.

Then there was the night Jock Stein gave his life to the game while Wales, inconsequentially by comparison, were pipped at the post by Scotland for a place in the Mexican World Cup finals due to another controversial hand-ball decision.

Yorath, who was commentating for television that night at Ninian Park, remembers seeing Graeme Souness, his one-time great midfield antagonist, slumped against the dressing room corridor wall, looking totally distraught. "He said to me, pointing towards the dressing room, 'The big man's dying in there. How do you cope with all the stress of being a manager. I wouldn't have it for all the tea in China.' Eighteen months later he was manager of Rangers."

The magnetic attraction of management was as impossible to resist for Souness as it had been for Yorath. Not that there haven't been times during the last few years when he wished he could have.

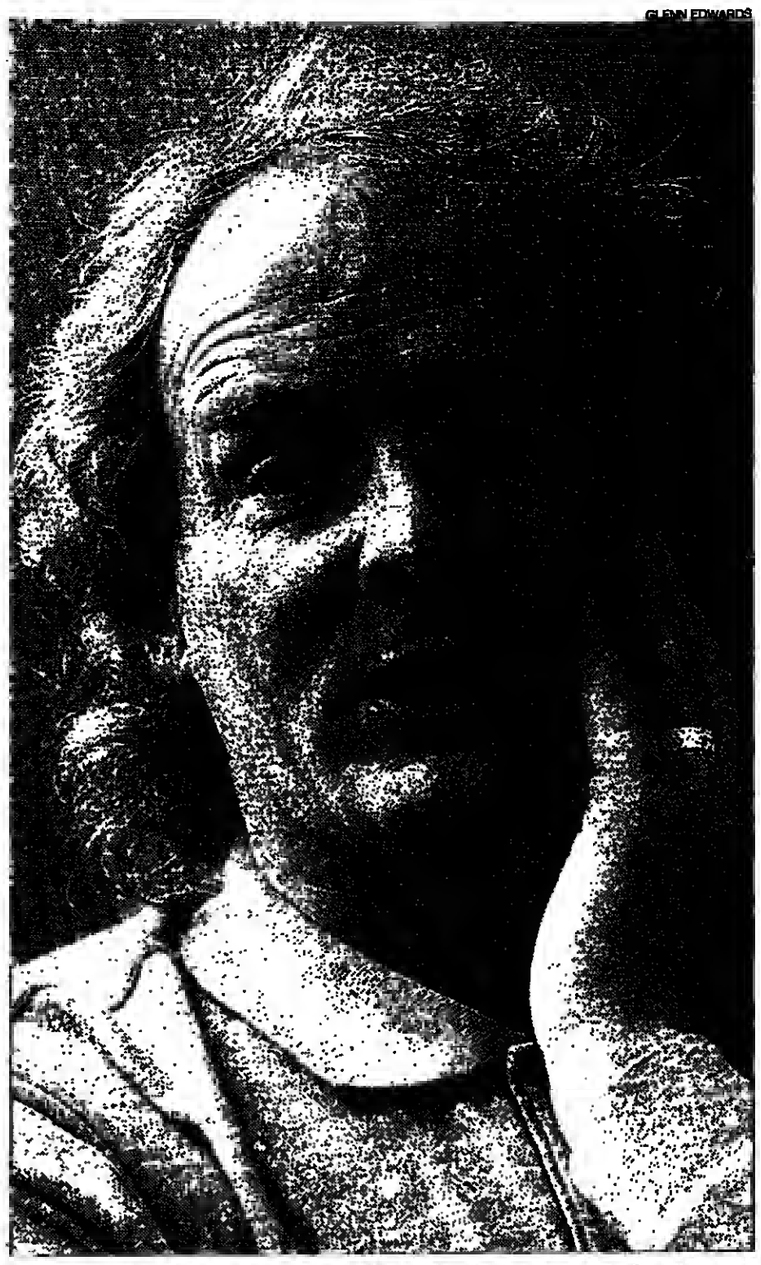
Getting the sack at Swansea 12 months after his dismissal by Bradford City did nothing for his confidence, though he would like to remind people that both clubs did achieve promotion under him.

Wales under Yorath have come quite some distance in the last 18 months when one recalls that it took them two years to win their first competitive game together. Yorath puts it down to valuing the other players as highly as he does the famous four — Rush, Hughes, Sonthall and Ratcliffe — the conversion of Hughes to a midfield role in order to accommodate Saunders and last and not least the introduction of a sweeper system to protect them against speedy infiltrators.

In Yorath's playing days, by his own admission, Wales made the mistake of "kicking people" in order to try to bridge that gap between second and first place in qualifying competitions. Blessed with a shade less skill than some of his cynical contemporaries from the Revie days, Yorath was one of the worst perpetrators. "I thought it was what I had to do to make it," he once said. Yorath accepts that such behaviour would be suicidal in Nuremburg, a city not noted for its leniency towards thuggery of any description.

Successive victories over Germany and Brazil no less have encouraged Wales to think more positively than ever before. "Either He is setting us up for a mighty crash or He is going to lead us by the hand and takes us through those gates."

GLENN EDWARDS



Plenty of food for thought: Yorath digests the Welsh prospects in Germany

GOLF

Woosnam offered advice by Jacklin

By MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

AS THICK mist gave officials no option but to postpone play in the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews yesterday, Tony Jacklin, Europe's most successful Ryder Cup captain, took the opportunity to offer some advice to Ian Woosnam.

Woosnam, the Masters champion, has been criticised since the European defeat in the Ryder Cup for blaming others for the result instead of admitting his own shortcomings.

Jacklin, in St Andrews to announce his investment in the Lectronic Kaddy, a motorised golf trolley, said: "Ian seemed remote at Kiawah Island. I've always said what a great sight it is to see him with his little legs pumping down the fairways, but it didn't happen this time against the Americans. The bounce wasn't there." Woosnam won only one point from four games as the United States regained the Ryder Cup with a 14½-13½ win against Europe on the Ocean Course.

"We were always playing catch-up, which didn't help," Jacklin said. "You've got to get ahead early and put the pressure on your opponents. But I have the utmost sympathy for Bernard Gallacher, my successor, because some of the top players felt unable to play in all five matches, which was not the case in my day.

"You would hope that for those three days out two years, the three most important days in my opinion as far as the European Tour is concerned, that every member of the team would be prepared to play every match. It is, after all, the premier golf event in the world.

"I do feel sorry for Ian Woosnam if he's going through a tough time. I think he has said a few foolish things. You've got to understand that not everyone will say nice things about you all of the time but that you've got to shrug your shoulders then get on with it.

"Ian has to understand that you can't be one of the lads anymore. I had to give it up when I won the Open and then the US Open. It doesn't matter if you are Ian Botham, Paul Gascoigne or Ian Woosnam. You've got to stay away from certain elements of public life.

"Ian has won a major. Now he has to set goals beyond that if he wants to go further. It is a matter of attitude. The rewards are large but they don't exist forever if you don't keep plugging on. And what is important is that you preserve your reputation.

"If Ian looks after himself, then he can expect four or five more years at the very top. I know all the pitfalls. I was always glad to listen to advice."

Woosnam will hope today to lead Wales to victory against Canada in the competition's quarter-final stage.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: United States v South Africa; Scotland v Ireland; England v Sweden; Wales v Canada.

Lyle stays on course for success

Munich — Sandy Lyle, who missed the the Dunhill Cup for the first time in six years this week, is on course to make amends after a second successive 65 in the BMW International Open here yesterday.

The strapping Scot, who was also ignored by Bernard Gallacher as a Ryder Cup wild card selection, lies four strokes clear of the field, 14 under par, at the half-way mark. Lyle has not won on the European Tour since 1988.

For once, luck was on Lyle's side, helping him accumulate eight-birdie haul. At the long 18th, he thought he had pulled his drive out of bounds and hit a provisional tee-shot before finding the original ball just a yard *inside the out of bounds line.*

Lyle, the 1985 Open champion, hauled his second to within 130 yards of the green and holed a 25-foot put for birdie after pitching on to the green.

His nearest pursuer is David A. Russell, who ignored the handicap of a left knee injury — he will undergo a cartilage operation next month — to shoot 68 and go ten under.

TENNIS

Super series attacked by an ATP member

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING member of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) has criticised the decision by the ATP to set up a new series of nine $1.7 million "super" tournaments in 1993. Graham Lovett, the only one of the six members of the ATP tour board to vote against the proposals, yesterday advised the ATP not to compete with the grand slams. Some of the nine tournaments could face serious financial problems, which would weaken, not strengthen, the tour, he said.

"There is some feeling about challenging the grand slams by offering grand slam type money. But that's a mistake. The grand slams are out there in front and are going to stay there.

"The lift from the old level of $1 million prize money in $1.7 million is just too much. I don't think the money is available in the market place," he said.

Lovett, tournament director of the recent Australian indoor championships in Sydney, not one of the nine, is also concerned that the top ten players might not sign the contracts, which offer bonuses of up to $1.25 million to play in eight of the nine events. "I've spoken to some of them and they have mixed feelings about it. Attempts to force players to do things have not been very successful in the past," he said.

Lovett's comments highlight a division in ATP ranks over the series, which has five tournaments in Europe, four in North America but no representation in Australasia, one of the game's biggest growth areas. "It's a step backwards," he said. "The tour has been truly international. Now it's turning into Europe v North America."

IN BRIEF

Brundle at Benetton

MARTIN Brundle, who has driven all season for the struggling Brabham Formula One motor racing team, will be joining Benetton for 1992, alongside Michael Shumacher.

Brundle's move means that Nelson Piquet, three times a world champion, is in search of a driving seat for next season. Ivan Capelli has also been released by Leyton House.

SNOOKER: John Parrott removed any lingering doubts about his worthiness as world champion by beating Tony Knowles 9-3 in the final of the Dubai Duty Free Classic, the opening ranking tournament of the 1991-2 season, last night.

BASEBALL: The Atlanta Braves beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 1-0 to level their best-of-seven National League championship series at 1-1.

BASKETBALL: Alton Byrd was yesterday discharged from Kingston Hospital, where he had been kept under observation after collapsing on court following Kingston's 175-150 European Cup aggregate defeat against Mechelen on Thursday night. He was allowed out on the condition that he takes no part in Kingston's matches at the weekend.

TENNIS: Boris Becker and Andre Agassi were both beaten in the quarter-finals of an indoor tournament in Tokyo, by Derrick Rostagno and Goran Ivanisevic respectively.

MODERN PENTATHLON: The holders, Poland, and Britain are among a record entry of 17 teams contesting the women's world championship in Sydney from October 27 to November 2. The field may increase to 18 if South Africa's participation is confirmed on Monday.

ATHLETICS: Disgraced Canadian sprinter, Ben Johnson, has parted company with Clyde Duncan, his third trainer since he began his comeback from a two-year suspension for drug abuse.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

JERSEY: Royal Jersey players' championship: Leading final scores: 289: P Harrison, 66, 65, 68, 68. 272: N Job, 65, 68, 70, 69; R Goudie, 71, 68, 68, 68. 274: M Nichols, 68, 67, 73, 66. 276: P Le Chevalier, 70, 67, 71, 68. 277: R Cameron, 69, 71, 68, 69; H Stott, 71, 68, 69, 71. 278: S Barr, 68, 71, 69, 70; N Mitchell, 71, 69, 68, 71. 280: C Defoy, 68, 71, 72, 69; R Kelsall, 70, 68, 74, 67; M Palmer, 66, 71, 70, 73; F George, 70, 73, 68, 69.

LAS VEGAS: Men's tournament: Leading second-round scores (US unless stated): 129: J Daly, 66, 63. 131: B Lietzke, 68, 63; C Stadler, 67, 64. 132: H Sutton, 68, 64; R Mattiola, 67, 65; M McCumber, 68, 64; T Byrum, 64, 68; E Schulz, 66, 66; L Rinker, 70, 63; D Waldorf, 67, 65. 134: J Boorok, 69, 65; J Sturrari, 68, 66; A Magee, 69, 65; T Dodds (SA), 69, 65; J Gallagher, 69, 65; S Jones, 65, 69; D A Weibring, 70, 64.

TOKYO: Japan Open: Leading second-round scores (Japan unless stated): 140: K Murota, 70, 70. 142: H Makino, 73, 69; M Ozaki, 72, 70. 143: A Gilligan (Aus), 71, 72. 144: N Sugai, 74, 70. 145: K Arai, 76, 69; B Jones (Aus), 74, 71; S Kuwamata, 73, 72; Y Nishikawa, 72, 73; E Mizoguchi, 72, 73.

WALTON HEATH: London amateur foursomes: First round: Richmond bt Woking, 5 and 4; Ashford Manor B bt Ealing, 3 and 2; Moor Park bt Guildford, 6 and 5; South Herts bt Flackwell Heath, 4 and 3; West Sussex bt Wyke Green, 6 and 4; Cuddington bt Bramley, 1 up; Gerrards Cross bt Crews Hill, 4 and 3; East Berks bt Brickendon Grange, at 19th; RAC bt Hendon, 3 and 2; Portsmouth Park bt Highgate, 2 and 1; Knole Park bt Romford, 6 and 5; West Middlesex bt Mill Hill, 2 and 1; Ashford Manor A bt Chestunt, 1 up; Theydon Bois bt Dulwich and Sydenham, 2 and 1; Leatherhead bt Thames Ditton and Esher, 4 and 2; Burhill bt Chigwell, 4 and 3; Mitcham w o St Georges Hill, scr; Sandy Lodge bt Roehampton, at 19th; Walton Heath bt Denham, 5 and 4; West Essex bt Dunstable Downs, 2 and 1; South Beds bt Ward, 6 and 5; Northwood bt Berkshire, at 21st; Berkhamsted bt Hersley Common, 3 and 2; Wait Hill bt Bushey Hall, at 20th; Camberley Heath bt Muswell Hill, 4 and 3; Verulam bt Pinner Hill, 2 and 1; Upminster bt Sundridge Park, 3 and 1; East Herts bt Grimsdyke, 3 and 2; Laleham bt Royal Mid-Surrey, 3 and 2; Enfield bt Addington Palace, 4 and 2; Shirley Park bt Merrimge Heath, 5 and 3; Worplesdon bt Royal Epping Forest, 2 and 1. Second round: Richmond bt Ashford Manor B, at 20th; South Herts bt Moor Park, 3 and 2; West Sussex bt Cuddington, 1 up; East Berks bt Gerrards Cross, 5 and 4; Portsmouth Park bt RAC, 2 and 1; West Middlesex bt Knole Park, 4 and 3; Ashford Manor A bt Theydon Bois, 3 and 4; Burhill bt Leatherhead, 3 and 1; Sandy Lodge bt Mitcham, 3 and 2; West Essex bt Walton Heath, 2 up; South Beds bt Northwood, 6 and 5; West Hill bt Berkhamsted, 6 and 5; Camberley Heath bt Verulam, 4 and 2; East Herts bt Upminster, 2 and 1; Enfield bt Laleham, at 19th; Shirley Park bt Worplesdon, 3 and 1.

BLAIRGOWRIE: Scottish amateurs' championship: Leading final scores: 213: A Crear (Blairgowrie), 73, 71, 69. 214: J Greaves (Buchanan Castle), 73, 72, 69. 215: C Rowald (East Kilbride), 70, 76, 69. 217: A Elliot (Pollok), 75, 75, 67. 219: P Lawrie (King's Links), 75, 73, 71. 220: I Taylor (Strathclyde Park), 72, 73, 73. 221: M Brennan (Cawdor), 75, 75, 71; I Bell (Dumfries and County), 72, 76, 73. 223: P Wadell (Longhaddry), 75, 75, 73; A Murdoch (Dalmahoy Hotel), 72, 75, 76. 224: C Nelson (Haddington), 74, 70, 80.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Championship series: Atlanta Braves 1, Pittsburgh Pirates 0 (best-of-seven series level, 1-1).

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round, second leg: Estudiantes (Sp) 97, Scania Sodertalje (Swe) 73 (agg: 195-154); Kingston 74, Mechelen (Bel) 89 (agg: 150-175); Aneblue (Fr) 88, Benfica (Por) 74 (agg: 164-163); Den Helder (Neth) 73, Maccabi Rishon (Isr) 56 (agg: 148-144).

BADMINTON

DÜSSELDORF: German Open: Men's singles: First round: S Butler (GB) bt R Magnusson (Swe), 15-7, 15-12; C Jogie (US) bt Wong Tai Meng (Malaysia), 15-8, 15-8; T Tuominen (Fin) bt C Thomsen (Den), 15-5, 12-15, 15-4; C Bruil (Neth) bt R Bagga (India), 15-12, 15-10; R Steinhorst (Neth) bt M Helber (Ger), 15-10, 12-15, 15-7; A Antropov (USSR) bt H Sperre (Nor), 15-4, 15-8; J Olsson (Swe) bt J Dawson (Can), 15-12, 15-8; A Nielsen (GB) bt Chan Kin Ngai (HK), 15-11, 15-6. Second round: B Supriatno (India) bt Butler, 18-14, 15-10; Jogie bt V Ranzelmann (Ger), 15-8, 15-6; S Kukasemki (Thai) bt Tuominen, 15-8, 15-8; Bruil bt R Neumann (Ger), 15-8, 15-0; P-E Hoyer (Den) bt Steinhorst, 15-9, 15-0; Antropov bt Chen Hong (China), 15-9, 15-5; Olsson bt E Kusnawan (India), 15-8, 18-15; Nielsen bt G Schwendler (Ger), 15-3, 15-7.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCH: Leicestershire 178, Norfolk 169.

EQUESTRIANISM

BOEKELO, The Netherlands: Dutch championship: Three-day event (after first day's dressage): 1, Elektra Sportauto (A Hermann, Swe), 35.25 penalties; 2, Rodosto (J-Y Touzaint, Fr), 35.55; 3, Bentley II (C Collier, US), 37.55. British placings: 5, Solo Performance (C Hollingsworth), 38.40; 11, The Fishermen (R Powell), 40.95; 16, Chain Reaction (C Hunnable), 43.95; 19, Nick of Time (N Taylor), 45.45; 25, The Count (P Clapham), 48.60; 27, Saucy Girl (L Green), 49.85; 28, Ocean Control (N Fox), 49.95; 30, Glen Abbey (S Bagley), 50.85.

FOOTBALL

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: League Cup: Quarter-final: Bohemians 1, St Patrick's Athletic 0.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds 0, Liverpool 1; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Newcastle 1; West Bromwich 1, Barnsley 2; Aston Villa 2, Manchester City 1. Second division: Hull 2, Wigan 3; Scunthorpe 2, Huddersfield 2; Notts County 2, Middlesbrough 1.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' FA BRITISH GAS TROPHY: Second round: Allerdale 4, Barrow 2; Bradford 0, Sheffield 3.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Cambridge City 1, Wycombe 0.

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP: First round, second leg: Santos (Br) 0, Argentinos Juniors 0 (Santos win 2-1 on aggregate); Gremio (Br) 1, River Plate (Arg) 1 (agg: 3-3; River Plate win 4-3 on penalties).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 4, Detroit Red Wings 1; Pittsburgh Penguins 6, Philadelphia Flyers 3; Minnesota North Stars 3, Quebec Nordiques 2; Chicago Blackhawks 7, Vancouver Canucks 5; St Louis Blues 3, Edmonton Oilers 2 (OT); Calgary Flames 7, Los Angeles Kings 1; Winnipeg Jets 3, San Jose Sharks 4.

REAL TENNIS

BORDEAUX: French open championship: First round: N Wood (GB) bt A Lyons (GB), 6-2, 6-2, 6-1; J Howell (GB) bt C Hosea, 6-2, 6-0, 6-1.

Second round: L Deacher (Aus) bt N Wood, 5-6, 6-5, 6-0, 6-2; J Snow (GB) bt J Howell, 6-5, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2. Doubles: First round: P Masters (Aus) and M Gooding (GB) bt A Phillips (GB) and M Devine (GB), 6-1, 6-1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

GREENALLS LANCASHIRE CUP: Semi-finals: Rochdale 19, Carlisle 6; St Helens 26, Wigan 18.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Edinburgh Academicals 22, St Mary's College 12.

SNOOKER

DUBAI: Duty Free Classic: Semi-finals: J Parrott (Eng) bt P Davies (Wales), 8-0; A Knowles (Eng) bt S James (Eng), 8-2.

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich 46, Poole 42.

TYNE TEES TROPHY: Second leg: Middlesbrough 45, Newcastle 45 (agg: 72-108).

SUMO

ALBERT HALL: London basho: Enazakura bt Toyonoumi; Kotoinazuma bt Kiriakischoiki, Ogichiama bt Kyokugozan; Otutsu bt Takanohuji; Maineumi bt Wakasagawa, Wakashoyo bt Kotobuibuki; Terao bt Ryogoku; Kotonowaka bt Daishoyama; Kyokutozan bt Kirinishiki; Kotogaume bt Kushimaumi, Kotorishiki bt Misugiasa; Wakahanada bt Tochinowaka; Mitsizumi bt Akinoshima; Kirishima bt Takatoshi; Hokutoumi bt Akebono; Asahifuji bt Koriehiki. Leading overall points: 2 wins: Hokutoumi, Asahifuji, Kotonishiki, Kotogaume, Terao, Maineumi, Ozutsu, Kotoinazuma.

TENNIS

BERLIN: Men's tournament: Second round: A Jarryd (Swe) bt F Saccoro (Fr), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; A Volkov (USSR) bt G Raoux (Fr), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt J Siemerink (Neth), 6-2, 6-3; A Boetsch (Fr) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-2, 6-1; J-P Fleurian (Fr) bt B Bruguera (Sp), 6-4, 6-3.

ZURICH: Women's indoor tournament: Second round: H Sukova (Cz) bt P Shriver (US), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; J Novotna (Cz) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (Ger), 6-3, 6-1; D Sabatini (Arg) bt N Zvereva (USSR), 6-3, 6-2. Quarter-finals: Sukova bt Novotna, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; S Graf (Ger) bt M Kochta (Ger), 6-2, 6-1.

TEL AVIV: Men's tournament: Quarter-final: G Bloom (Isr) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-3, 7-5.

TOKYO: Men's indoor tournament: Quarter-finals: D Rostagno (US) bt B Becker (Ger), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt A Agassi (US), 6-3, 6-4; I Lendl (Cz) bt D Wheaton (US), 7-6, 7-5; S Edberg (Swe) bt M Chang (US), 6-2, 6-2.

Six-match bans

Tim Street, of Oldham, and John Kerr, of Trafford Borough, have been suspended for six matches by the Rugby League disciplinary committee. Both were sent off recently for stiff-arm tackles. John Allen, of Swinton, was given a four-game ban for a high tackle.

Polish first night

Ian Bulloch, the British cruiserweight title challenger, tops the bill in Poland's first professional boxing show tonight. Bulloch's opponent will be the former world champion kick-boxer, Przemysla Saleta.

BRIDGE

Happy Icelandic team on top of the world

By ALBERT DORMER

ICELANDERS today are celebrating their first world Open title in any sport. Their team beat Poland in Yokohama yesterday in a thrilling finish to the Bermuda Bowl after a big early lead had been almost whittled away. The final margin was 416 international match points to 377.

Iceland have achieved many creditable performances in international bridge, far out of proportion to the island's tiny population, but this success against 15 other world finalists, including Britain, was totally unexpected.

Yet, it was thoroughly deserved: no other team played so consistently.

While the Icelanders whooped it up at the victory dinner, the mood among the World Bridge Federation's executive council was overhung by allegations, later unreservedly withdrawn, by Poland's non-playing captain against the Brazilian pair. Bolo Ostrowski's "inappropriate public comments" were made despite the fact that table screens were in use after he had watched his pair, Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski, in play against the Brazilians in the semi-final.

His later public apology may carry little weight with the WBF credentials committee, under Ernesto D'Orsi, of Brazil, the WBF president, who alone can invite participants to future championships.

But although talk at the WBF top table may have been dominated by the incident, the senators should have spent at least the hors d'ouevre discussing the wisdom of locating the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup in a place where travel and living costs for those participating were maximised.

The two British teams, eliminated in the quarter-finals, had to wire home for substantial extra funds.

YACHTING

Owen and crew ease out the title-holder

IN THREE enthralling matches, with the outcome in doubt until the last few yards, Eddie Warden Owen and his crew of Derek Clark and Chris Mason and Guy Barron beat the defending champion, Ian Southworth, Craig Nutter, John Santy and Adam Bowers to win the RYA national match racing championship at Queen Mary SC yesterday (Malcolm McKeag writes).

Owen won the first match of the best of three final. He led the second then was overtaken. In the decider he started early and had to go back, regained and then lost the lead on the first beat, overtook again in a prolonged gybing duo on the first run then held off the defender's challenge to the finish.

Sailed in the RYA's fleet of matched James Capel-sponsored first class eights, this championship has shown there is a wave of new match racing talent waiting to break round the established British names, such as Warden Owen and Chris Moore. It has also shown, if the pool performance of young sailers like Jon Ellis is anything to go by, that university team racing may be the place to look for the next generation of international match racers, and through them, America's Cup sailors.

RESULTS: 1, E Warden Owen; 2, I Southworth; 3, B Parton; 4, A Deadsworth.

CRICKET

Fraser edges closer to a full recovery

ANGUS Fraser is preparing to make his England comeback during the winter. The Middlesex seamer, who has been suffering from a hip injury for nine months, is showing signs that he is recovering.

"The selectors, like Angus himself, are taking a positive attitude and we still expect him to play a full part this winter," the England manager, Micky Stewart, said yesterday. Both he and Fraser were encouraged by the latest medical report on his injury, and Fraser is hoping his specialist will allow him to resume light training next week.

He missed virtually all of last season because of the hip problem and the selectors put the Warwickshire all-rounder, Dermot Reeve, on standby when they announced their winter squad last month.

Eagles swoop on defence to end their Rugby World Cup campaign dignified in defeat

England's flying start stalls

England 37
United States 9

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE American way may not earn the United States too many victories at this level of competition but nobody at a packed Twickenham yesterday could complain at the whole-hearted defence which restricted England, in their final Pool 1 game of the World Cup, to a win by four goals, a try and three penalty goals to a goal and a penalty.

However, an exercise in damage limitation is all it was. There was never a doubt that England would both qualify for the quarter-finals and mark Will Carling's 22nd appearance as captain — overtaking Bill Beaumont's record — with victory. Indeed, Carling took the opportunity to make his own mark, scoring his first international try since February 1990.

The English management and players can now take their rest and recreation in Jersey and concentrate on next Saturday's game in Paris; they will watch the telecast of tomorrow's game in Agen between France and Canada with particular interest, anticipating French opposition at Parc des Princes and knowing they will have to elevate their standard of play considerably from what they have achieved in their pool.

In fact, yesterday they played some of their untidiest rugby of the tournament, on either side of half-time: Andrew was uncharacteristically loose in his line kicking and some of the passing left players begging to be knocked over — which they were — by a physical American defence. Nonetheless, the pressure under which the United States came can be seen by the penalty count of 26-9 against them, far too many of which were conceded by Flay, the New Zealand-born hooker, who was so often offside.

Games that one side is expected to win overwhelmingly can frequently prove difficult, as New Zealand discovered against the same opponents. If England thought that they were going to romp away after scoring 12 points in as many minutes, they were sorely mistaken; the Eagles, who fly home this morning without a win, were not to be grounded at rugby's headquarters without a display full of national pride.

Its apex came just after half-time when Pidcock, their lively scrum half, skipped away to relieve a period of some intensity. Ridnell's lineout win allowed Williams to create hesitation between Andrew and Carling. Hein careered in from the blindside wing and Nelson was free, with Sheehy in support, as he scored against a defence in an embarrassing tangle.

"It was hard to keep concentration for any length of time," Carling said. "That was because of the mix of players coming in for their first game and desperate to impress, and several who were playing their third game in nine days, and may have been a bit lacklustre." Whatever the reason, England found it hard to impose themselves at the set pieces, the lineouts — of which there were comparatively few — remaining level until the final quarter when Redman and Dooley overcame the challenge of Swords and Tunnacliffe.

The Americans also profited from quick feeds at the scrums, but Hodgkinson proved equal to the demands placed on him by the kicking from half back. Indeed, Hodgkinson was one of those coming into the team whose footballing skills stood out: his match return was 17 points (he missed only two kicks) and since he laid on both Underwood's tries, he underscored England's strength at full back.

His first two penalties came either side of a try which had touches of farce about it: Andrew recognised an early chance to run the ball and Hodgkinson slid a lovely kick parallel with the east touchline. Williams looked to have it covered but the American centre failed to gather the ball at the corner, leaving Underwood with one of the simpler of his 31 international tries.

Underwood was involved, too, in the second try; he came off his wing to carve through the midfield before Carling, with a hint of a dummy, crossed by the posts. The United States looked for encouragement to Williams and O'Brien, their place-kickers, but Williams could land only one of three attempts to leave his side trailing 21-3 at the interval.

If this had been a boxing match, the third quarter would have been the United States's on points, but points in any number were what they could not score and in the closing stages they were drained. Skinner, an energetic presence throughout, scored close to the scrum after supporting Hill's break close to the line, and the scrum half was twice involved before Heslop cut back against the grain of the defence for a try under the posts.

The United States, who had replaced Higgins at the interval, introduced Wilkerson for his first cap when Farley limped off but their thunderous tackling sustained them until deep into injury-time, when they were drawn to the right before Hodgkinson, in acres of space, placed a precise diagonal for Underwood, on his wrong wing, to touch down. It was, you might say, an encouraging day for wings be they those of England or of Eagles.

SCORERS: England: Tries: Underwood (2), Carling, Skinner, Heslop. Conversions: Hodgkinson (4) Penalties: Hodgkinson (3). United States: Try: Nelson. Conversion: Williams. Penalty: Williams.
ENGLAND: S O Hodgkinson (Nottingham), N J Heslop (Orrell), W D C Carling (Harlequins, capt), S J Halliday (Harlequins), R Underwood (Leicester), C R Andrew (Wasps), R J Hill (Bath), J Leonard (Harlequins), C J Oliver (Northampton), G S Pearce (Northampton), M G Skinner (Harlequins), N C Redman (Bath), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), D W Rees (Nottingham), D Richards (Leicester).
UNITED STATES: R B Nelson (Belmont Shore), G M Hein (Old Blues), M A Williams (Gentlemen of Aspen), K G Higgins (Old Blues; rep: M G DaJong, Denver Barbarians), P A Sheehy (Washington); C P O'Brien (Old Blues), M O Pidcock (Pensacola); L Mangai (South Jersey), A W Flay (Jersey Shore), N Mottram (Boulder), S Lipman (Santa Monica), C E Tunnacliffe (Belmont Shore), K R Swords (Beacon Hill, capt), C Farley (Philadelphia Whitemarsh; rep: J P Wilkerson, Belmont Shore), A M Ridnell (Old Puget Sound).
Referee: L J Paird (Wales).

RUGBY WORLD CUP

POOL 1 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	2	0	1	85	33	7
New Zealand	2	2	0	0	64	18	8
Italy	2	1	0	1	36	45	4
US	3	0	0	3	24	113	3

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MATCH FACTS

Attendance: 57,500.

Territorial advantage
England 50min, United States 33

Possession
England 46min, United States 36

Scrums

	Award	Won	Ag hd	Void
England	14	13	0	1
US	15	12	0	3

Lineouts

	Award	Won	Void
England	15	11	5
US	15	7	7

Penalties/free kicks

	Award	Tap	Goal	Miss
England	26	15	3	1
US	9	1 1	3	

Stand-off halves

	Run	Kick	Pass
Andrew	0	12	24
O'Brien	0	10	8

Kicks at goal

	Total	Con	Miss
Hodgkinson	8	7	1
Williams	4	2	2
O'Brien	1	0	1

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MARC ASPLAND

Making short work: Hill, the England scrum half, powers his way past Williams at Twickenham yesterday

Feeble Keble disgraced by Weston snub

By Peter Roebuck, the Cambridge blue and former captain of Somerset County Cricket Club

Well, bless my soul, Oxford University has done it again. No, we must go further, it has sunk to unimagined depths and, what is more, defended itself with language commonly associated with managers of lowly football clubs.

Three summers ago, this once celebrated university prevented a cricketer joining his colleagues in a Benson and Hedges quarter-final, citing its exam timetable by way of feeble excuse. This refusal to reward superb endeavour was not, thankfully, copied by less pompous and pusillanimous universities and the Varsity team gave a wonderful account of itself on this special occasion.

Now Oxford has taken a step further down its slippery slope. Consider the case of Philip Weston. Here is a young man whose gifts include a sharp brain and a tight batting technique which is diligently applied.

Last year he toured New Zealand with Young England and also recorded two As and a B in his A-levels, enough to win a place as a student of history at Keble College. Waiting to go up, he opened the batting for Young England and used his powers of concentration and application to resist an apparently superior Australian team. Here, certainly, was a fine capture for Keble.

All appeared set fair for an outstanding career in study and play. And then Weston was invited to lead Young England in Pakistan this winter, an honour, one might have supposed, for him, his family, his school and his college. Since acceptance meant missing 17 days of term, 13 days of lectures, he asked his college for leave, a formality, you might think.

Leave was refused. Keble, in the person of Dr Paul Hayes, said Weston could not do justice to his studies if he went on tour. Apparently, too, Keble is keen to rise up the Norrington table, measuring examination success. Time was when senior tutors were made of sterner stuff.

Weston was forced to deny one of his talents. Forget that he is a cricketer, or a sportsman; suppose instead he was a ballet dancer or a musician, for the arguments are just the same. After years of graft, here was an opportunity to lead his country overseas, an opportunity which might never be repeated. To Keble's surprise, no, shock, Weston turned his back on Oxford and decided to tour anyhow. Hayes called his decision "misguided", a reaction awesome in its arrogance.

Weston made the right decision because obviously Oxford was no place for an all-rounder. A man had either to be a blood or an aesthete. Keble had expected Weston to take the longer view but few 18-year-olds will do this and, anyway, was it not an Oxford man who pointed out that in the long run we are all dead.

Now let us be clear about this. Weston has failed no exams. Not one. Other universities, including Cambridge and Durham, regularly release students on such occasions, for universities are not merely about grim toil and, anyhow, if every student who missed a few lectures was ejected campuses would rapidly empty. And if toil was everything, universities might grow too dull even for Dr Hayes.

Durham has allowed James Boiling, Martin Speight and Nasser Hussain (twice) to join tours and all passed their exams with flying colours. Durham is allowing Jeremy Snape to join his peers in Pakistan where, no doubt, he will grow apace.

Philip Weston wanted no favours and now wants no fuss because he is not the complaining sort. Next year he plans to go to Cambridge, Keble having rejected him for 1992 also. Let us leave him in peace but let us censure Keble and Dr Hayes, for they scarcely deserve our respect.

Victors express the need to improve

By PETER BILLS

ENGLAND'S reaction to victory yesterday was somwhat reserved. "There is a world of difference between the two games we have played this week (against Italy and the United States) and what we will face in a week's time in the quarter-final," the manager, Geoff Cooke, said.

"This display fell a little short of expectations as regards our performance. The players know that sort of performance won't be good enough to beat France."

Roger Uttley, the coach, looked equally bereft of elation. "After the first quarter we fell away and played fitfully," he said. "We had problems maintaining any real continuity." Will Carling, the captain, felt that his team had eased off at vital moments.

Neither did England's performance impress the United States coach, Jim Perkins. It fell a long way short, he felt, of the standard reached by New Zealand in their game against the Americans at Gloucester on Tuesday. "We very much surprised New Zealand in the first 20 minutes and caught them unawares. They took a little time to regroup but they are very good at sorting our their problems and getting back on track. They are like a machine grinding you down.

"I didn't see that from England. In the second half they showed a little panic when we put some pressure on them. It was a more inconsistent display by England compared to the All Blacks."

The Americans leave Gatwick today, homeward bound after an experience described as "invaluable" by their manager, Ed Schram. "We have learned the level we need to have to compete. But I think we have shown the Eagles are able to play good rugby for an extended time throughout a game."

The lack of regular quality opposition blamed by Schram for his team's modest displays may be remedied in future if the United States continue with invitations to the leading countries. Italy, Spain and Korea have all been invited for tours next year.

Gascoigne confident of proving fitness

PAUL Gascoigne predicted in a television interview last night that he would be playing by mid-April — six weeks before the deadline set for proving his fitness to Lazio, his prospective employers (Clive White writes).

Speaking on *Sky Sports* about his proposed £5.5 million transfer, he said: "When you see me worried, you'll know the deal is off. The deal is not off."

Gascoigne said that the latest injury suffered to his damaged knee had put his recovery back a further month and a half and that the specialists had been planning for him to return to competitive action at the end of January.

"The main thing is just resting now," he said. "In general it is well. The bend looks good, it looks solid, and it just a matter of waiting for the bone to heal so I can get working."

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A lament for the out-of-tune terrace choristers

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

You're not singing anymore, this terrace reproof can now be addressed to the entire Welsh nation. There was little enough to sing about after the Welsh rugby team's defeat by the shockingly mighty men of Western Samoa, and I am assured that even before the match began, the singing of the national anthem was flat. One Welshman blamed the closure of the mines: there's nothing to sing on the way to any more. But I seem to be pursued by bad Welsh singing: in Monaco last week, the followers of Swansea City football club all seem to have lost their country's musical heritage. They gave us not anthems and harmonies, but "We 'ate Cardiff".

And the English singing at the Rugby World Cup has been even more dire. Why does there have to be this incessant vocal display of sexual parts in "rugby songs" in pubs after matches? You would not think people would dare to behave in such a fashion, at least not in public, in a post-Freudian world.

Now Ladbrokes are trying to do something about this by organising a competition for the best male voice choir from any rugby club in the United Kingdom. So far so good. Now for the bad news: the competition is for the best rendition of *Top of the World* by The Carpenters. Perhaps the Welsh team will have a crack at it after its match against Australia this afternoon.

☐ *MORE on music. The BBC, not only guilty a thousand times over of the exploitation of music in a sporting context, has now won an award for it. Now they will never stop. Yup, BBC Television Sport has won a special mention in the Golden Podium award in Monaco — Pelé was one of the judges — for the inevitable slo-mo sequence. This time the subject was Gazza, and it was shown one hour before the Cup Final, the match in which Gazza exploded himself. The music was Nina Simone singing.* Please don't let me be misunderstood.

4000-run prodigy

And now, with November and the dreaded turning back of the clocks in sight, I bring you a last breath of summer. Marcus Trescothick needed two runs off the final ball of the summer to reach a phenomenal 4,000 runs for the season. Trescothick is aged 15, and was playing for Keynsham cricket club. He needed 85 to reach this ludicrous target when his innings began. With his score on 83, he faced the final ball. Playing one of the better shots in my own repertoire, he edged the ball along the ground to the wicketkeeper. He went for the single anyway, which would have given him 3,999. But the keeper, kind fellow, shied at the stumps, missed, and Trescothick had an extra run for the overthrow and that patriarchal aggregate. I wonder if he will live the rest of his life in the shadow of his annus mirabilis. He says his ambition is to play for Somerset.

Nina Simone: voice over

Sporting life

How splendid it is, in a changing world, to realise that the old archetype of the competitor who gives up the chance of victory to help a stricken opponent is still alive and well. They even give awards for it, which I think is rather against the spirit of noble sacrifice. Ivan Lawler and Graham Burns won something called the Unesco premier fair play award. They are canoeists. They took part in the world marathon championship and found that the Danish crew had broken their rudder and that their craft was impossible to control. They stopped and helped fix it, and then both crews set off to race again. The Brits came second. The Danes won. I am quite confident that Nigel Mansell will do the same thing if he finds Ayrton Senna in such a pickle when the two battle for the Formula One world championship next weekend.

☐ *WHEN* The Times *speaks, the world acts. Last summer this newspaper suggested in a leading article that football's problems could be overcome if the goal were made larger. Now football, as represented by the New England Small College Athletic Conference, has gone ahead and done so: it now plays with goals four feet bigger than standard. America's* Sports Illustrated *magazine comments: "A fundamental change on the most popular sport in the world seems ill-advised."*

Exiles excel

Rugby team of the week: London Cornish. This season, this gathering of exiles has managed to put out a third XV for the first time in its history. They are not finding it all smooth going. They gathered in a pub before a fixture they were confidently expected to lose 40-0. They then discovered they had no kit, no transport, and only 13 players. They organised a whirlwind convoy of taxis and private cars, arrived at the opponents' ground only slightly embarrassingly late, and promptly demanded to see the lost property box. The indomitable XIII — a good number for a rugby side — played in whatever lost and smelly items of kit they could lay their hands on, and fought heroically, losing by a mere 10-0.

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